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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Yemen And Aden

THE long-standing struggle between the British protectorate of Aden and the Arab kingdom of the Yemen has jumped back into prominence in the troubled Middle East. The dispute, mainly concerning border demarcation, has smouldered on for years; now it appears to be near flash-point again, this time against the new Middle East context of the Anglo-French Suez invasion, the United Nations intervention and the "Eisenhower doctrine".

The history of the protectorate and the Yemen is a continuous one of border strife principally stimulated by Yemeni claims to much of Aden on historical grounds. It was not until 1934 that Yemeni raids on the protectorate ceased with the signing of a peace treaty with Britain.

But her claims have assumed a different aspect since she joined with Saudi Arabia and Egypt in 1956 in a five-year military alliance and joint military command. Moreover, since becoming a member of the Arab League in 1946 the Yemen has enjoyed consistent Arab backing in her charges against Britain.

THERE have been manifold signs that the Yemen has identified herself with the move made by other Arab countries in the Middle East to become associated with the Soviet bloc by receiving from it military equipment and other forms of aid. Significantly, following the visit to Moscow last June of the Yemeni Crown Prince, Czechoslovakian-made artillery and anti-aircraft guns arrived in considerable quantities in the Yemen.

It was after this deal that the propaganda conspiracy between the Yemen and the Arab League began to manifest itself, culminating a few weeks ago with the League charging that Britain was threatening the Yemen by massing large concentrations of troops, tanks, armoured cars and jet aircraft in Aden. The allegation was also made that Britain intended to strangle the Yemen economy through her control of Aden which is the Yemen's main channel for world trade.

The more recent history of the Yemen is typical of developments in other Middle East Arab states. Since 1918 the country has been an independent state having previously been part of the Turkish empire. Virtually all power in the land is centred in the monarch, though over the years the Imam broadened his Cabinet and created an Advisory Council. It was the Council which in 1956 became restive over the Imam's personal administration of the country and attempted to overthrow him. The incident served to split the Yemeni Cabinet towards strengthening their position by a closer alliance with the Arab League.

By contrast the protectorate of Aden has long sought Western protection from its neighbouring tribes which has been given in the form of defensive military equipment. The political situation however has for some time been unstable in the protectorate—a situation principally created by the infiltration of agents provocateur and by propaganda emanating from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the Yemen and Syria.

Exploitation of the traditional enmity between the Yemen and the protectorate by Arab propaganda has been intensified during the past twelve months, but a more direct threat to the security of the protectorate is the foreign aid which has been and is being given to the border tribesmen.

The situation has undoubtedly become dangerously explosive and might well be manipulated by the Communists to fire more widespread disturbances in the Middle East.

# ASSASSINATION PLOT SHOCK

## Police Foil Plan To Shoot Governor Of Northern Rhodesia

### AFRICAN SOLDIER UNDER ARREST

Lusaka, Jan. 8. A plot to assassinate the Governor of Northern Rhodesia, Sir Arthur Benson, has been uncovered by Security Police, according to reports tonight.

The reports said the plotters apparently aimed to get a sentry outside Government House in Lusaka to shoot the Governor as he passed through the gates of his residence.

An anonymous letter received by the Government week ago asked off Security Police who have been on the alert for trouble since Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, arrived in the Rhodesias two weeks ago.

Handwriting Traced

Sir Arthur Benson, who is 49, has been Governor of Northern Rhodesia since 1954. Handwriting experts traced the letter to a soldier of the first battalion, Northern Rhodesia Regiment, based at barracks in Lusaka.

A private has been placed under close arrest pending conclusion of an investigation.

The Government confirmed the facts of the plot today.

No charges have yet been preferred against the soldier.

Governor Accused

Sir Arthur Benson accompanied Mr. Lennox-Boyd during his visit to Northern Rhodesia from December 29 until he left for Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, yesterday. The British minister is on a three-week tour of the Central African Federation, formed by the Rhodesias and Nyasaland.

The Governor and Mr. Lennox-Boyd held talks four days ago with trade union and management officials on industrial unrest over the last year in the Northern Rhodesian copperbelt.

Mr. Harry Nkumbula, leader of the African National Congress, asked Mr. Lennox-Boyd on December 31 to recall the Governor.

He contended that Sir Arthur Benson spoke as a European settler rather than representative of the crown and "would like to rule this territory himself."

On Churchill's Staff

Sir Arthur Benson was born in Johannesburg, the son of an Irish vicar who settled in South Africa. He has spent most of his life in the Colonial Service.

However, he served on Sir (then Mr.) Winston Churchill's staff in London during World War II.—Reuter.

GIs CLAIM BACKPAY

Washington, Jan. 8. Three former American soldiers, who refused repatriation after being taken prisoner in Korea, taking refuge instead in China, today claimed \$5,000 back-pay each from the United States Army for the period of their absence.

When the three men, former Corporals Lewis Griggs, William Cowart and Otto Bell, eventually returned as civilians to the United States, the Army authorities brought proceedings against them which were dismissed.—France-Press.

Dulles' Hope

Washington, Jan. 8. Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, said today he hopes that President Eisenhower's Middle East proposals will be approved by Congress by the end of the month.

Mr. Dulles made this statement to reporters after attending a private meeting of the foreign affairs committee of the House of Representatives.—Reuter.

## Queen Told Of Ministerial Changes

London, Jan. 8. Sir Anthony Eden went to Sandringham on Tuesday to tell the Queen that he intends to announce ministerial changes in the next few days, writes the Daily Express political correspondent Derek Marks.

It is known, says Marks, that Sir Walter Monckton, the Paymaster-General, is anxious to assume one of the senior legal posts. There is at the same time, Marks adds, growing criticism of both Aubrey Jones, Minister of Fuel, and Harold Watkinson, Minister of Transport as a result of the petrol rationing scheme.—London Express Service.

## United Nations Call For Free All-Korea Elections

New York, Jan. 8. The Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly today called for free elections throughout Korea under U.N. supervision.

### POLISH MISSION TO GO TO U.S.

Washington, Jan. 8. The United States Government would view with approval the visit of a Polish economic mission to the United States, the State Department spokesman said today.

The spokesman said the Polish Government had suggested the sending of such a mission. However, the U.S. Government had not made any final decision on the date for the visit, the spokesman said.

He said the purpose of the Polish economic mission would be to continue the negotiations begun with the granting of export licenses to Poland for the purchase in dollars of American surplus farm products.

The spokesman said the present contacts between Washington and Warsaw were through the normal diplomatic channels and with the Polish Foreign Ministry.

He said the American Government was now considering accepting payment in Polish currency.—France-Press.

### How They Voted

The eight Communist group countries — Hungary was absent — opposed the resolution while Afghanistan, Burma, Ceylon, Egypt, Finland, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen and Yugoslavia abstained.

South Africa was absent.

Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, Indian Minister without portfolio, had objected to the resolution because he said it would not achieve the required results.

He maintained that nationwide elections could only be held once both sides had reached agreement on their supervision and on the type of body to which members would be elected.—Reuter.

### Talks Open On New Hungarian Govt

Budapest, Jan. 8. The first talks between Hungarian Communists and members of other political parties to broaden Hungary's Soviet-backed government have begun, it was reported today.

This follows the government's first statement of policy last Sunday, which said that members of other parties would be asked to join the government on condition they accepted the leadership of the ruling Communists.

Start of the contacts was announced by two top officials of the Hungarian "Patriotic Peoples Front", Ferenc David and Raszor Fyori, in an interview today in the official trade union organ Nepakoz.

They said the organisation had begun talks with the Hungarian Social Democrats, the Smallholders and the Peasants, three parties which ruled Hungary from 1945 until 1947.

According to sources close to the government only the Smallholders and the Peasants are earmarked for the broadened government.

In a speech published today, Gyorgy Marosai, Minister of State and Kadar's right hand man, said any participation of the Social Democrats in Hungarian political life again would be a "hostile action" as it might divide the strength of the workers class.—China Mail Special.

### Big Round-Up In Casbah: 300 Arrested

Algiers, Jan. 8. A strong detachment of French Army paratroops and police today carried out an intensive search of the Algiers Casbah, the Moslem quarter of the city, arresting about 300 people and killing one man who sought to flee.

The search uncovered 33 shotguns, two hand-grenades, quantities of ammunition and military equipment, as well as medical supplies.

Terrorist incidents continued today in Algiers. A hand-grenade was thrown by an Algerian rebel terrorist into a truck near the docks, wounding four people. Two Europeans were also shot and wounded by terrorists.

Early this evening, a terrorist was blown to pieces by a hand-made bomb he was placing in front of one of the security force headquarters in Algiers.—France-Press.

### PLANE CRASH REPORTED

Toulouse, Jan. 8. A mountain rescue party searched in vain for the wreckage of an unidentified aircraft reported to have crashed today 5,400 feet up in the Pyrenees.

No French aircraft has been posted as missing today.

The alarm was given by a shepherd in the mountains who saw a plane take a nose dive behind a peak.

Immediately afterwards a thick column of smoke rose into the sky.—China Mail Special.

### Adenauer Visit?

Bonn, Jan. 8. The West German DPA news agency said today that West German President Theodor Heuss and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, will make an official trip to the United States next spring.

Official West German sources refused to confirm this report.—France-Press.

### \$5 million Cheque

United Nations, Jan. 8. The United States delegation to the United Nations today handed the Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, a cheque for \$5 million to cover the first expenses of the work for clearing the Suez Canal.—France-Press.

## NEW YEMEN RAID INTO ADEN

Aden, Jan. 8. Yemen regular troops have invaded further districts in Beihan, in the western Aden protectorate, an official communiqué stated today.

The invaders burned down houses and demolished government buildings in Dhala Amirate, the communiqué said.

Fighting had started in the Abyan protectorate and at a new place in the Aden protectorate. Local troops had been dispatched to the area, the communiqué said.

General Mobilisation?

The communiqué said women and children of the Shalib Sheikdom had been killed by attacks from the neighbouring Quatibah district.

It said that the people of the Quatibah district had built forts on the border under orders from the authorities and were firing into villages.

There was no confirmation tonight of a reported general mobilisation in the Yemen but partial mobilisation along the border was reported by unofficial sources.

Some sources here claimed the attacks on the western protectorate of Aden had been inspired in order to help the Yemen government divert attention from unrest in the eastern region.—Reuter.

Volunteers Call

Bonn, Jan. 8. The Yemen Legation tonight issued a statement saying "British air attacks on Yemen towns have increased" and that Britain was trying to "crush the rebellion in the so-called protectorates".

The Yemen Charge d'Affaires Mr. Abdel Rahman Abdaladny, told reporters he thought the Government of his Red Sea Kingdom "will be forced to call on volunteers from all over the world to fight the British aggression".—Reuter.

## SYRIA'S CHARGE AGAINST IRAQ & LEBANON

Damascus, Jan. 8. Brigadier General Adib Shishakly, former President of Syria, was accused in court today of receiving \$25,000 for his part in an alleged plot instigated by Britain, France and Iraq to overthrow the Syrian Government.

The accusation was made in a security report read at the opening of a trial of 47 Syrians accused of conspiring against the Syrian regime. General Shishakly and 17 of the others accused are being tried in their absence.

The military tribunal hearing the case adjourned today to consider whether to allow the plaintiff counsel to appear at the trial.

A report by the Army Security Chief read to the tribunal earlier said General Shishakly discussed the alleged plot in Geneva last year with Mr. Burhanuddin Bushayyan, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, and General Ghaleb Daghistani, deputy chief of the Iraqi army staff.

General Shishakly also was said to have visited Lebanon to discuss the plot with his collaborators. He received \$15,000 as part payment for his services, the report alleged.

The charge sheet against the accused, released on December 23 last, alleged that the conspirators wanted Britain and France to land forces in Syria. Israel was to follow this with a separate attack, it said.—Reuter.

## Chou Has Talks In Moscow

Moscow, Jan. 8. The Chinese Premier Mr. Chou En-lai today held meetings with Soviet and East German leaders in the second round of talks between the Communist states which began with a five-power meeting in Budapest just after the new year.

The meetings which were pre-arranged to have been held separately took place shortly before the East German government delegation which has been having talks with Soviet leaders during the last few days, left Moscow for home by train.

New Policy?

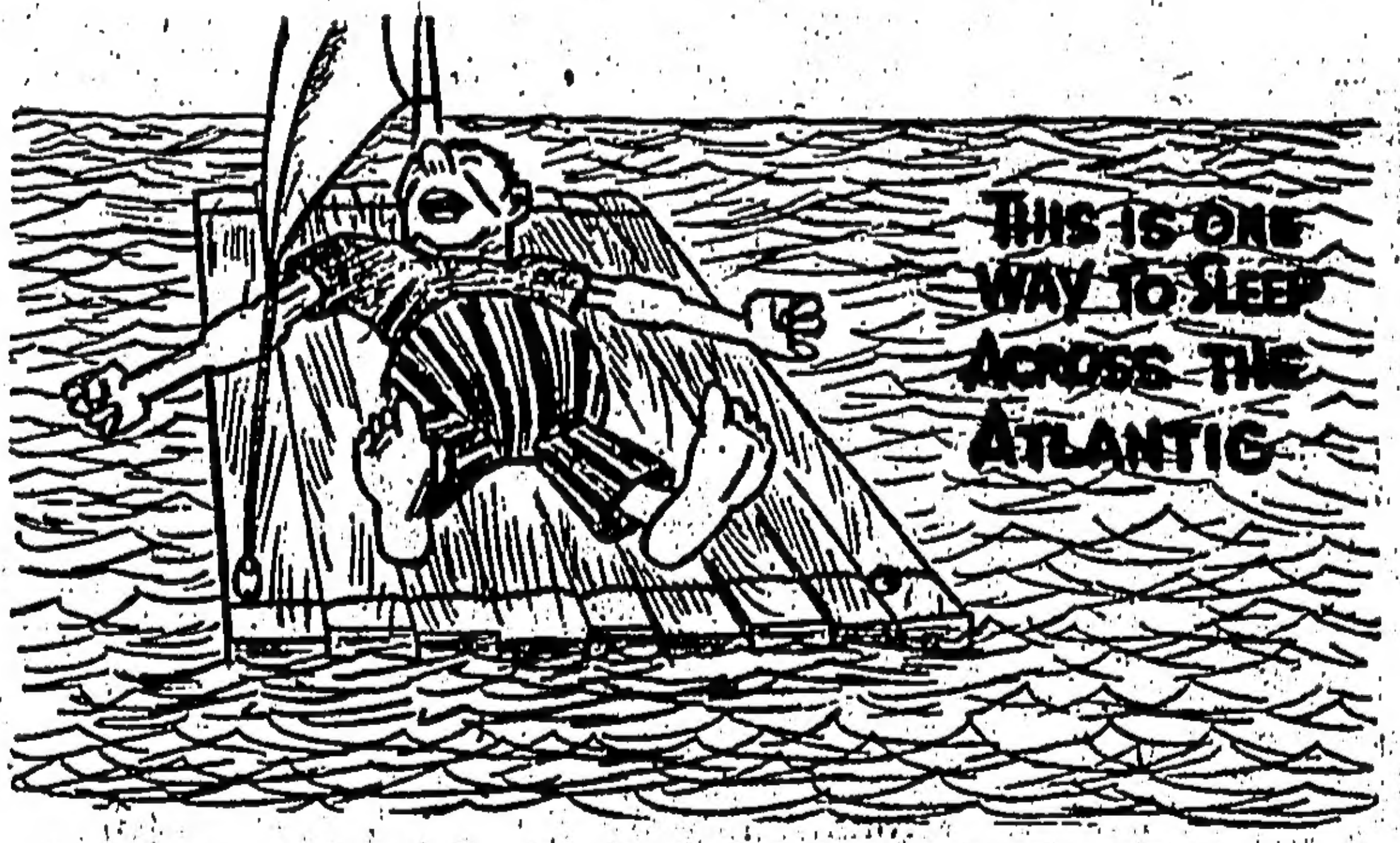
Mr. Chou's talks with the Russian and East German leaders were seen here as part of a plan to develop "Communist solidarity" under Soviet direction with Chinese support.

It was believed that Mr. Chou might discuss some important economic questions with the Soviet leaders.

Russia is almost entirely responsible for Chinese industrial development, and the Chinese ideological support given to the Russians will undoubtedly place him in a strong bargaining position.

It was noted that Mr. Chou at the Moscow airport on his arrival yesterday, and Marshal Bulganin and East German leaders at a Kremlin reception last night, went out of their way to attack western and particularly American policy.

There was speculation that the Russians and Chinese might be working out new foreign policy plans for the Communist world with special reference to the Far East.—Reuter.



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—Express Photo.Portuguese-American  
Negotiations  
Long Drawn Out

Lisbon, Jan. 8.

Despite at least four months of negotiations, the Portugal-United States treaty giving American forces peacetime rights in the strategic Azores Islands expired on December 31 without being renewed.

American officials here hope they will be able to reach agreement on a new revised treaty as soon as Foreign Minister Dr. Paulo Cunha recovers from an illness that has put him out of action for several weeks. He went on sick leave about two weeks ago.

The five-year treaty officially expired on September 1, 1956, and the fourth-month period of grace ran out with the old year. Under the treaty, the United States still has from six months to a year to evacuate her personnel from the island bases.

Boy and submarine pens had been planned.

To make certain there is no question about who runs Terceira Island, signs stating "this is not American territory" are posted around the island. This is the territory of a friendly ally, are posted around the island. This is the territory of a friendly ally, are posted around the island. This is the territory of a friendly ally, are posted around the island.

There are between 1,000 and 1,500 American servicemen and civilians working under army contract on the island, United Press.

## No Evacuation

A US Embassy spokesman said today, however, that no evacuation was planned because it was hoped a new treaty would be completed as soon as Dr. Cunha returns to work.

"The talks have been postponed because of Dr. Cunha's illness. We will continue to have peacetime facilities in the Azores," he said.

The Azores, an important key to the defense of the Atlantic in time of war, lie 1,500 miles from London and 2,000 miles from New York. The peacetime facilities granted the United States apply only to restricted zones on Terceira Island, where Lagos air base is jointly used by the United States and Portugal under the command of a Portuguese officer. There are also radar facilities near the base.

Portuguese quarters here said there was little doubt but that the new treaty would be signed eventually. They said expansion of facilities, including a harbour on Praia da Victoria

FAREWELL  
RECEPTION  
IN BONN

Bonn, Jan. 8.

The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Katsumi Ohno, tonight gave a farewell reception for members of the West German Government, the diplomatic corps and the press.

Among the guests were Dr. Heinrich von Brentano, West German Foreign Minister, Herr Ernst Lemmer, Federal Minister, the Soviet Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Sergei Kudryatsev and the French Ambassador, M. Maurice Couve de Murville.

The reception was held at the Japanese Ambassador's residence at Oberwinter, on the Rhine south of Bonn.

Mr. Ohno, who arrived here only about two months ago, is leaving to become Under-Secretary of State in the Japanese Foreign Office.

Ike's Aid  
AVOID IMPRESSION  
OF ARMS RACE  
IN MIDDLE EAST

By RALPH HARRIS

Washington, Jan. 8.

State Department officials said today that President Eisenhower's military aid proposals for the Middle East would be executed cautiously to avoid even the impression that the United States was backing an arms race in the region.

The President's offer of this type of aid was linked with other proposals of his new Middle East policy calling on Congress to grant him advance authority to use economic and

military force if necessary to resist Communist aggression in the Middle East.

Authoritative sources today explained that the military aid offer did not necessarily envisage a significant increase in arms shipments to the Middle East.

SUSPICIOUS  
'MISTER'  
COMRADE

London, Jan. 8.

The Hungarian opera singer, Endre Muller, fled from Hungary because people began to call him "Mister" instead of "Comrade," he disclosed in London today, where he has asked for refuge.

Muller, after singing in the star roles of "Faust," "Tosca," and "Carmen," and going on tour in Switzerland, Rumania and Italy, then helped to edit the Hungarian magazine "Truth," devoted to the arts.

However, when his Soviet colleagues began to say "Good morning, Mister Muller" instead of "Comrade Muller," he became alarmed. Feeling that they were suspicious of his opinions, he soon disappeared.

## BBC PROGRAMME

Muller will appear in a televised BBC programme on Saturday and may appear shortly in the Covent Garden Opera.

It was learned in Vienna that two Hungarian national artistic ice-skating champions have left their country to take refuge in Austria.

The two skaters, 1956 champion Istvan Szenes and 1955 champion Csako, hope to resume training on a Vienna rink.—France-Press.

## Chief Proposal

They said the chief proposal now under study was that to bolster the region's defenses against aggression, Middle East nations would receive United States arms as outright grants instead of paying cash under reimbursable arrangements.

Officials said the degree of assistance extended would depend on the amounts requested and the need of each nation for defensive arms.

The United States has limited the totals and types of "reimbursable" arms to states involved in the Arab-Israeli dispute so as to avoid the possibility that defensive weapons might be used to settle old scores.

Nevertheless, United States officials are aware of the danger of upsetting the balance of power between Israel and the Arabs by taking measures specifically aimed at curbing the external Communist threat—China Mail Special.

New York, Jan. 8.

Dr. Malik Elaz Khaz, Egyptian Foreign Minister, arrived here by air today from London for discussions of the Kashmir issue at the United Nations Security Council next week.

The Foreign Minister made only a brief statement, saying "I came here to represent Pakistan in the discussions of the Kashmir question before the Security Council."—Reuter.

Check On Radiation  
In Foodstuffs

Washington, Jan. 8.

Officials of the United States Public Health Service have begun a systematic check of the amounts of radiation which may be found in food served to citizens of the nation in their homes or restaurants, it was reported today.

Public Health Commissioner George P. Larrick disclosed the food check plan, which he said is part of the Government's services to the people in the new atomic age.

He explained that plants and animals in various parts of the nation absorb radiation in varying amounts, and the Government has felt it is advisable to begin a check on how much radiation there is in such food as a public health protection measure.

## Certain Amount

There always is a certain amount of natural absorption of such radiation, he explained, but the Government wants to monitor what changes, if any, occur as a result of weapons testing or other applications of atomic energy.

As a first step to establish a basis of measurement, the Government is studying samples of foods which were canned in the year 1945. Commissioner Larrick explained that 1945 is regarded as the year one in the atomic age. Food packed in years since then will be checked against food packed that year to see if there is any significantly larger amount of atomic radiation entered into it.

Larrick said that United States canning companies have been solicited for their cooperation in obtaining samples of food packed in the year 1945. He also said that samples would be taken from different parts of the nation to see what differences develop, if any, in geographical areas.

Meanwhile it was learned that the Atomic Energy Commission has also been studying samples of the amount of radiation in food in different parts of the United States and to some extent in other parts of the world. This was part of its tests of the amount of radiation from atomic fallout after explosions set off in Western United States and in the Bikini-Eniwetok area of the Pacific Ocean.

## Disclaimer

Samples of food, soil, air and water have been taken. So far officials have disclosed any findings of dangerous amounts of radiation in any part of the world that would affect citizens of any nation.—United Press.

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# RUSSIA THANKFUL FOR CHINA'S SUPPORT ON HUNGARY

Edwardian  
Hollywood

Moscow, Jan. 8. Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Soviet Prime Minister today told the visiting Chinese delegation headed by Mr. Chou En-lai, the Prime Minister "we highly value the attitude taken by you in relation to the Counter-revolutionary putsch in Hungary."

"Your completely support and your efforts aimed at unmasking imperialist intrigues in Eastern Europe were of great help to us and to the whole international Communist movement."

The visiting delegation was attending a luncheon. In his reply Mr. Chou said: "Should we abandon the principles of Marxism-Leninism or regard them as more dogma instead of as guidance for action, we may commit the mistake of revisionism or dogmatism...."

## Own Experience

"From our own experience we have learned that unity inside parties, unity among Communist governments and parties of all countries, is the most important condition for achieving victory in our common cause of Communist building."

"Imperialism is seeking an opportunity to carry out undermining activities against us. To conquer our enemy we must strengthen the unity of the Socialist camp, headed by the Soviet Union."

"The aim of our visit to the Soviet Union is precisely the further strengthening of the closest possible unity between our two states. The great friendship of our countries is eternal and indestructible."

Earlier Chou received a rousing ovation when he was presented by "Father Frost"—the Russian equivalent of Santa Claus—to 12,000 children and adults attending a New Year tree celebration at Moscow's new Lenin Arena.

Also presented by Father Frost was East German Premier, Otto Grotewohl. Accompanying the Chinese and East German Premiers were Soviet Foreign Minister, Dimitri Shepilov, the Communist Party leader for the Moscow region, Madame Ekaterina Furzeva, and Vice-Foreign Ministers Valentin Zorin and Nikolai Fedorenko.

## Enjoyed Spectacle

Chou appeared to enjoy greatly the spectacle of the more than 90 feet high New Year tree and the arrival of Father Frost and "Snow White" in the arena on a Russian troika, drawn by three horses.

Also on the programme were a number of legendary Russian heroes as well as Don Quixote and the Three Musketeers.

Chou received another ovation when he left the arena—France-Press.

## TRIAL OF RANKING SYRIANS

Damascus, Jan. 8. The trial of 47 Syrians, including many highly-placed political and military leaders, on charges of high treason and conspiracy to overthrow the state, opened today in the university amphitheatre in Damascus before a military tribunal.

There was a large public attendance as the trial was opened by Colonel Ali Blar. Among the prisoners in the dock were former Members of Parliament Mounir Ajjam, one-time Minister of Justice, and Hayel Serour and Abdal Ajjam.

## 18 AT LARGE

Eighteen of the accused are at large and are being tried in absentia, including former President General Adib Salih, the head of the military police, and Colonel M. H. Hammad, Minister of the Interior, and two ex-foreign ministers, Faydi Attasi and Mikhael Eilan.

The alleged conspirators are accused of smuggling arms into Syria from Iraq, planning an uprising to coincide with simultaneous military attacks which they expected would be launched by Iraq and Israel, and planning to assassinate President Shukri Kwatli and other government leaders.—France-Press.

## De Beers Up Diamond Prices

New York, Jan. 8.

De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd., world's largest producer of diamonds, has increased the price of rough gem diamonds imported into the United States by 7½ per cent it was disclosed here today.

The increase is the first since January, 1955, when prices were pushed up 5 per cent and probably will be passed on in higher costs of the polished gem. The cost of a rough diamond is 10 to 20 per cent of the retail price of a diamond.

No reason was given for the increase, but it probably reflects higher costs in mining the stones. Most of the world's diamonds are mined in the Union of South Africa.

Smaller amounts come from the Belgian Congo and other scattered regions in Africa. Disclosure of the De Beers action was made by Arthur S. Hirsch, counsel for the Diamond Manufacturers and Importers Association of America.

In addition to the 7½ per cent increase for US imports, De Beers also is raising prices 2½ to five per cent for Europe.—United Press.

## Czechs Buy Russian Aircraft

Prague, Jan. 8.

The Czech airline company will put three Soviet-constructed Tu-104 jet transport planes into service on its new Prague-Cairo-Bombay line this year.

The Czech newspaper Lidova Demokracie reported today. The airline company will also shortly receive the first 10 Ilyushin-14 Soviet twin-engine planes, constructed under licence by the Avia factories in Prague, the newspaper said.

These planes, an improved version of the IL-14, can carry 24 passengers instead of 18. The Avia factories are also considering the construction of a prototype of a transport plane equipped with four turbo-prop engines, the newspaper said.—France-Press.

## FORMER AGENT MURDERED

Nicosia, Jan. 8.

The story of a former British intelligence agent's secret service for the Cypriot extremists and his death at their hands was revealed here tonight in a radio broadcast by his brother.

Greek Cypriot Panagiotis Lazaros, speaking over the British-controlled Cyprus radio, said his brother, Andreas, was murdered by extremists in Nicosia last September after trying to quit the extremist organisation EOKA.

Andreas had asked extremist leader Col. George Grivas for permission to give up EOKA activity and go to London to obtain a better living, his brother said.

Lazaros said his brother was threatened with murder by the extremists in January, 1955 for his six years' British Army service. He joined the



From the looks of the dresses of stars Vera-Ellen and Janet Leigh, Hollywood fashion is favouring the high-necked Edwardian dress style for women. Janet is pictured left with husband Tony Curtis, whose feisty shirt gives him quite an Edwardian look himself; Vera-Ellen is accompanied by husband Victor Romanoff—Express Photo.

## APARTHEID ISSUE

## SOUTH AFRICA URGED TO FOLLOW US GREAT EXPERIMENT

New York, Jan. 8. Mr. Octavio Maloles, Philippines delegate to the United Nations, today urged the South African Government to emulate the "great experiment" of desegregation now taking place in the United States.

Mr. Maloles was speaking in the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly at the opening of a debate on the treatment of peoples of Indian origin in South Africa.

The Philippines delegate said that if progress were to be made, the dominant consideration should be integration, not segregation.

## Live In Peace

"If South Africa cannot learn to live in peace and understanding with the great mass of coloured people, it will have to brace itself for the more difficult years ahead," he said.

"The choice is one between survival on an integrated basis and continuous turmoil on an apartheid (segregation) policy."

Mr. Maloles said he felt that the committee should take up together the related questions referred to it by the Assembly, namely the treatment of peoples of Indian origin in South Africa and the question of apartheid.

Mr. Maloles said that the cardinal point to be kept in mind was the welfare of the oppressed people of Indian and African origin in South Africa.

"In the view of my delegation," he said, "no useful purpose can be served if there is moral condemnation on the one hand and a demand for international jurisdiction on the other."

## Position Worse

"The past debates have not impressed the position one way or another. India and Pakistan by their insistence of moral condemnation have only contributed to aggravate the situation. They have made the position worse."

Nothing, said the Philippine delegate, had increased the measures of apartheid and hardened the South African Government more than the fact that the Government had been branded with racialism and charged with violations of the Charter.

He asked that the question be viewed from the angle of basic realities. In his opinion, the problem in South Africa was one of national and racial survival. The problem was whether some two and a half million

white people in South Africa could preserve their racial, political and economic integrity in the face of a surging tide of nationalism in a territory whose population was five-sixths black.

## Tragic Result

"Only those blind to these considerations can fail to see the tragic result of universal enfranchisement," added Mr. Maloles. "The Government of South Africa is confronted by a problem of survival and rejection of international jurisdiction are so much water over the dam."

Mr. Maloles said the Committee should determine whether the South African Government would be willing to measure calculatedly to ensure its political and racial integrity. He asked whether the Committee should insist on a political and economic equality for the great mass of coloured people in South Africa, which could well mean their political, economic and racial extinction.

## Appeal

The Philippine delegate appealed to the Committee to attempt to settle the problem with a "refreshed view" free of old racial animosities.

He said he wished particularly to urge his Asian and African friends not to let pronounced racial sentiments and mischievous fears of racialism becloud efforts to reach a fair and just solution.—Reuter.

## Refugees Welcome

Manila, Jan. 8. Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay told a press conference here that the Government would admit Hungarian refugees who might seek sanctuary here.

The President said that so far there had been no petition or application from the Association of Free Hungarians in the United States or from any other source about settling Hungarian refugees here.—Reuter.

## 40-Year Man-Hunt Over

Paris, Jan. 8.

Sylvain Sauvage, an impoverished French painter, ended a 40-year man-hunt—some millions of francs richer in consequence, it was learned here today.

Sauvage's man-hunt had one unique feature: The man he was hunting had been dead for centuries.

In 1837, Sauvage found an old painting in an antique shop in Bordeaux, whose owner was selling out. The painting was the portrait of a man, done by a master's hand, he was sure—but whose? The canvas was signed "R."

The owner was willing to sell this painting by an unknown artist for a few francs. And Sauvage's long search began. He became obsessed with the identity of "R" and became known in Bordeaux as "that madman with the painting."

## HALF ANSWER

His search took him everywhere as, for 39 years, he consulted books, experts, museums. In Padua, Italy, last year he found at last the answer to half his problem. "R" was Salvator Rosa, a 17th century Neapolitan painter. Buyers offered to purchase the picture but they wanted to know who the subject was, "the man with the long, distinguished face and short beard."

Man-hunter Sauvage was on the trail again. This time he ran down his quarry in Venice: His "wanted man" was Diomedes, a Greek doctor who lived in Rome under Emperor Claudius. "R" had copied the doctor's portrait from an ancient seal.

Sauvage has his answer—and a painting worth several million francs (at least \$3,000).—France-Press.

## Disarmament Committee To Meet

New York, Jan. 8.

M. Jules Moch, French delegate to the United Nations General Assembly, arrived in New York today by plane from Paris for the Political Committee meetings on disarmament, which will probably begin this week.

The former premier told newsmen that he did not think it possible for the 80 member nations of the United Nations to reach a disarmament agreement during the present General Assembly.

## TOO COMPLEX

"The situation is too complex, but the meetings will be highly useful if they can afterwards help the work of the international disarmament subcommittee," he declared.

Stressing the present "bad international political climate," Moch said that "when the climate is bad, the need for agreement grows."

France had submitted numerous conciliatory proposals in the past and now wanted to hear the point of view of other nations on the subject.—Reuter.

## Bottled-up Ships Clear Suez

Port Said, Jan. 8. An unlucky 13 ships steamed out of the Suez Canal today, the first to leave the bottled-up waterway since the Anglo-French invasion two months ago.

They had been stranded in mid-canal since November 1. A channel cleared by Anglo-French salvage engineers before the allied pull-out brought the 13 to the open sea here.

(Allied officials claimed that the ships could have been moved out of the Canal any time after mid-December, when Anglo-French divers and salvage ships opened the first channel through Port Said harbour).

## Still Plugged

But the southern end of the Canal is still plugged up—and though the situation very little prospect of reopening it to normal traffic before the middle of the year.

Egyptian pilot Mustafa Elwi led the parade past dangerous obstructions still in the Canal from the Fatouk cutoff. He was aboard the Norwegian tanker Eli Knudsen.

Elwi brought the Knudsen along at 10 knots, above the normal speed limit for the Canal. Officials said ships going that speed endanger the banks of the sand-bordered waterway but there was no reproach for the pilot.

"As long as the Canal is going to be dredged anyway, then we are allowing the ships to go out as fast as they can in order to get out of the Canal and out of Port Said today," a Canal official said.

After the Knudsen came the Cities Service tanker Statue of Liberty, under Liberian flag, and it signalled its new liberty with a long, shrill blast of its whistle all the way into Port Said.

## Noisy Salute

United Nations salvage vessels and tugs in the harbour here returned the noisy salute.

The exit was not as glorious as it sounded because the 13 ships still had not completed their voyage. They were headed south when the Anglo-French invasion signalled the scuttling of block-ships in the waterway.

If they intend to finish their trips, they must double back all the way around Africa. During the forced anchorage in mid-canal some ships had sold their stores to a resourceful supply officer of the United Nations Emergency Force, which at one point desperately needed fuel and food and found it on its doorstep.

The departing ships had to ease carefully past El Kantara pontoon bridge, which Egyptian army engineers dismantled two days ago.

Three miles north of El Kantara the Canal pilots faced another challenge in a sunken dredger. But there were no mishaps.

Mahmoud Younis, general manager of the Egyptian Canal Authority, stood on the waterway's bank at El Kantara this morning as the first ships started north.

Then he drove to Port Said to watch them clear the harbour.

Mr. Sultan Nabulsi, Jordan Prime Minister, told Parliament today that Jordan had asked Asian and African states to support Egypt's demand for compensation from Britain, France and Israel for losses suffered during the action in Egypt.

He also said that Jordan's United Nations representative had been instructed to support Egypt with the other Arab states.—Reuter.

## UK REJECTS YEMEN PROTEST

London, Jan. 8.

The British Government today rejected a Yemen protest against an alleged bombing by Royal Air Force planes of the Yemen city of Narib.

On the other hand, the British Government made a strong protest against alleged Yemen infiltration into the territory of the British protectorate of Aden.

The Foreign Office announced tonight that the Yemen Charge d'Affaires, Assayed Mohammed Ibrahim, was summoned by the Director of the Eastern Department of the Foreign Office, Derek Riches, to receive a note.

## INFILTRATION

The British note charged that on December 31 elements from Yemen infiltrated into Aden and occupied "a ruined site" at Al Hajar.

The Royal Air Force was called into action to disperse these elements.

The British Government strongly protested to the Yemen Government for not preventing its subjects from entering the Aden protectorate in this fashion.

The Yemen Legation in London tonight denied the British charges. The Legation said that the Royal Air Force had made heavy raids over Yemen territory in violation of the United Nations Charter and humanitarian principles.—France-Press.

## Arab Support For Egypt

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## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Archbishop (8).
  - Difficult (4).
  - Soldiers (8).
  - Exile (8).
  - Telephone inventor (4).
  - When to wed at sea? (8).
  - Attempting (8).
  - Repeat (4).
  - Discourtesy (8).
  - Bundles of documents (8).
  - Cultivate (4).
  - Come together (8).
- DOWN
- Smart (4).
  - Stuff (4).
  - Uncommon (4).
  - Shift (4).
  - Tenth part (8).
  - Rope-fibre (8).
  - Tableware (8).
  - Details (8).
  - Speech (8).
  - Breathing organs (8).
  - Outcome (8).
  - Slackens (8).
  - Wino (8).
  - Crime discovered because a cleric lost his head? (8).
  - Mature (4).
  - Dope (4).
  - Way out (4).
  - Sediment (8).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Steals, 4. Puffs, 7. Irritate, 8. Curca, 9. Latent, 11. Lessons, 13. Slander, 15. Revolve, 18. Lapses, 19. Astor, 20. Notes, 21. Dreyer, Down: 1. Split, 2. Agly, 3. Serfs, 4. Preals, 5. Sources, 6. Senses, 10. Traps, 12. Proves, 14. Solera, 16. Dreads, 17. Laps, 19. Revolve.

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Tibetan pilgrims and priests at Kathmandu.

It is winter in Kathmandu, but it feels more like spring. The morning mist has lifted and I am sitting out in the warm sun. A light breeze stirs the trees and the air is full of the raucous cries of rooks and jackdaws.

Great masses of woolly cloud are piled up high over the surrounding mountains. In the garden, flowers and shrubs are in bloom.

I have motored many hundreds of miles across India since leaving Delhi. When I reached Agra, it was already dark, but there was a half-moon, so having left my luggage at the hotel I set off to see the Taj Mahal. It is the most wonderful building I have ever set eyes on. Of pure white marble, it stands on the banks of the River Jumna, just outside the city. Beneath its spacious dome lie the bodies of Mumtaz Mahal and her husband, the Emperor Shah Jahan.

### UNFORGETTABLE

THE evening air was quite still. As I walked through the massive arched gateway into the garden, a pale and shadowy apparition emerged from the darkness some way ahead. The shape of the Taj Mahal was just discernible but, so it seemed, without solid form. The tall

minarets at each corner appeared to be suspended above the ground and the dome, softly brushed with moonlight, looked as if it were poised in mid-air above them.

It was an unforgettable impression, and I agree with those who say that the Taj Mahal must be seen by moonlight.

As I drew closer, I was struck by its immense, harmonious proportions, of which no photograph I have ever seen gives any idea.

### THE TOMBS

SOME cover-shoes were laced over my own before I was allowed to enter the mausoleum. The darkness inside was softened by the light of a single candle, which dimly revealed the marble walls and the white ceiling of the dome, eighty-five feet above. An old man was keeping watch beside the tombstones. In a whisper he described the edifice which came to be known as the Taj Mahal.

Then he looked up, raising his voice, gave a long cry, like the call of a muezzin. The sound filled the dome, reverberating back for fully fifteen seconds before it died away.

The tombstones are replicas of the actual tombs, which lie in a vault below. Round them is the most beautiful screen,

looking like ivory but carved out of solid marble and inlaid with precious stones in flower designs and writings from the Koran.

I was led down into the circular marble vault below. The tombs of the Emperor and his wife lay side by side. They were richly ornamented. That of Mumtaz Mahal was the smaller. When she died in 1630, Shah Jahan erected the Taj Mahal as her mausoleum. His intention was to build a similar one for himself on the opposite bank of the Jumna. But the scheme never materialised, and when in 1666 he also died he was laid beside his wife.

No description, no photograph, could ever do justice to the Taj Mahal. It must be seen, and above all, seen by moonlight, to be believed.

### DUSTY BATTLE

TWO cobras and a krait—the most deadly snakes in India—were tipped out of the sack. The cobra swayed nonchalantly for some minutes to "The Campbells Are Coming." It was played in squeaky tones on a bamboo pipe. Another cobra was set free to face with the mongoose, but it was apparently new to the game and gave in without a struggle. The mongoose looked distinctly bored.

Then a krait, yellow and evil-looking—I nearly said venomous,

but of course the venom, like the teeth of the mongoose, had been drawn—slithered up to the tough, furry little creature and, raising itself slantways, leered a challenge at it. This was too much for the mongoose, who pounced on the krait and seized its head in his jaws. After a writhing, dusty little battle, in which the contestants tied themselves up into inextricable knots, the mongoose was declared the winner and the show was over. I went to look at Taj Mahal once more. It glittered in the bright sun, dazzling white and magnificent, yet robbed, I thought, of the magic which the moonlight casts upon it.

### BLOCKED ROAD

THREADING my way through the crowded streets of Agra I headed towards Khanpur (Cawnpore). Soon after passing through Mainpuri I got completely stuck in a country village and was held up for over a quarter of an hour, wedged between two bullock carts, while half a dozen others blocked the road in front. Their drivers were all arguing fiercely with one another and refusing to budge.

There was nothing to do but wait while crowds of villagers stood about the car and looked in, not without sympathy, at my plight. At last the cart in front gave a little jerk, and we began to inch our way forward. You may think you're an ace if you can cope successfully with the traffic in London or Brussels, but you begin to feel you're a genius if you get through an Indian village unscathed. Added to the jumble of camels and tongas, bullock carts and rickshaws, with their thick seeding of pedestrians, came a fresh hazard—elephants.

I must say, however, that their traffic sense is excellent and they amble along politely, keeping well in to their side of the road. Twenty-five miles from Khanpur I had a puncture, and it was already dark when I found myself filtering through the seething traffic, searching

for the Burmah-Shell Company's Rest House. It was a most rewarding find, and I spent a very comfortable night—much needed, for the strain of the journey is beginning to tell. But there's nothing like a good sleep for relieving that leaden sense of fatigue which weighs so remorselessly upon one.

The journey the next day took me from Khanpur through Allahabad to Benares, the holy city of the Hindus. The roads between these cities are good, but narrow, so that you have to drive off on to the dusty side track in order to pass another vehicle. One meets few cars, but there are scores and scores of bullock-carts which ramble along sleepily as if the Grand Trunk Road were reserved entirely for them.

However, I stuck to the slogan which I saw inscribed in large capitals on the back of a country bus. "Horn Please!" It said. So I horned and kept on horning, and by the time I was level with the bus the driver heard me and, swerving gracefully off the road he—and the passengers—saved me on.

With bullock carts there is always a hideous element of doubt. You horn and when you are at point blank range, the driver wakes up and springs adroitly from a recumbent position in the back of the cart into growly bullocks with his stick and they, often more alarmed by your approach than by the blows to which they are well accustomed, veer suddenly to one side or the other, as the spirit moves them.

### AT THE GHAT

AT the moment you must act quickly. There is no question of finger-tip control, as the advertisements call it, but a violent wrenching of the wheel as you alter course in the opposite direction. That night at Benares I had little sleep. The night was full of the barking of frightened pye-dogs and the dismal, unearthly wailing of jackals. To add to my discomfort the man

## Lands Of Priests And Pilgrims

In the room next door began snoring and coughing in the early hours. He was still convulsed when at 8.30 I got up. I had planned an early visit to the bathing-ghats on the banks of the Ganges, and arrived just as the sun was rising. It cast a pale yellow streak across the grey water, which, despite the chilly air, was quite warm.

There was a crowded scene at the ghat where I embarked in a rowing-boat. Beggars, some of them horribly maimed, sat about on the broad steps of the ghat. Pilgrims were in the act of undressing and preparing to enter the holy waters. Some had already begun the ritual cleansing, wading in waist-deep before immersing themselves completely beneath the surface. Straightening up their dripping bodies, they stood soaking up the water in their hands, which they held out before them in a gesture of offering. Thus they remained for some moments facing the sun, with eyes closed and lips moving in silent prayer.

### QUITE PURE

AMONG the pilgrims were men and women, both young and old, strong and feeble. There were many priests, too, seated on little platforms beneath large wicker parasols. Some were blessing the pilgrims who came to them; others sat immobile, deep in meditation, a sublime expression of detachment upon their features.

The boat glided along past the burning ghats. Smoke was rising slowly into the morning air. Two bodies, wrapped in white linen cloth, lay near by. They looked so inert and irrelevant in the land of the living, waiting for the flames to consume them, and leave nothing but their ashes to be scattered on the waters.

Stacked up on the banks above the ghats were rows of pink stone slabs. The bodies of lepers, sufferers from smallpox and children under five are not buried. Instead they are tied to a stone slab and sunk in mid-stream. It is apparently true, though difficult to believe, that the waters of the Ganges are quite pure.

Lugubrious as this burial procedure may sound I did not get that impression. It seemed to fit most naturally into this scene of religious fervour, where the sun shone down and the broad and placid waters of the holy river flowed on to cleanse the living and carry the souls of the dead upon their way.

### HOLY PLACE

I LEFT the banks of the Ganges and motored to the town of Saranath, five miles away. Saranath is a holy place of the Buddhists. It was here that the Gautama Buddha, the 2,500th anniversary of whose birth is being celebrated this year, preached his first sermon. An ancient red brick tower stands over the sacred spot, and near by is a modern temple.

I took off my shoes and entered. Round the walls were paintings illustrating scenes from the life of the Buddha, and I was surprised at the resemblance which some of them bore to scenes in the story of Christ.

On the way to the temple I had passed a group of Tibetan pilgrims, and now I saw them arriving and crowding into the temple. A priest struck a heavy brass bell with a slow measured beat, and it boomed out a welcome to the pilgrims.

They were a cheerful lot, dark-skinned and weather-beaten and dressed in leather jackets and trousers of thickly woven tweed. The women wore some of the older men wore their hair in a long plait. One old man was walking round and round the temple

spinning his praying-wheel and muttering. Suddenly he stopped opposite me and, with a disarming smile, demanded "Bak-sheesh." I couldn't help feeling this was rather an irrelevant request in the midst of his devotions. Still, he had his reward. The road from Benares to Patna was simply swarming with people—walking, bicycling, in rickshaws, tongas and bullock-carts. Some were even being carried in litters, borne by four wiry men. Half walking, half running, they advanced at a surprising pace.

I drove through miles and miles of enchanting countryside, of peaceful cultivation and busy village life. The vivid green of the flat paddy fields made a perfect background for the brightly coloured saris of the women as they walked in little troops to the village well, their pitchers balanced immovably on their heads.

In the evening the sun sank out of a clear blue sky, and long before it reached the earth's horizon it seemed to be immersed in an ocean of pale blue haze. A deep stain of purple and crimson spread out through the haze and, mounting up, filled the sky with its glorious radiance.

### TO KATHMANDU

AT Patna I was once more comfortably lodged in the Burmah-Shell Company's bungalow.

After a discussion with the manager, Mr. Tej Ram, I came to a decision not to motor to Kathmandu, but to go by air. Instead, I had always understood that it was possible to do the journey by road in one day, but I was mistaken. The Ganges

We flew in low over the mountains of Nepal. "It could be a hazardous flight in bad weather," I said to the pilot. "You're right," he replied, "and we don't even try it."

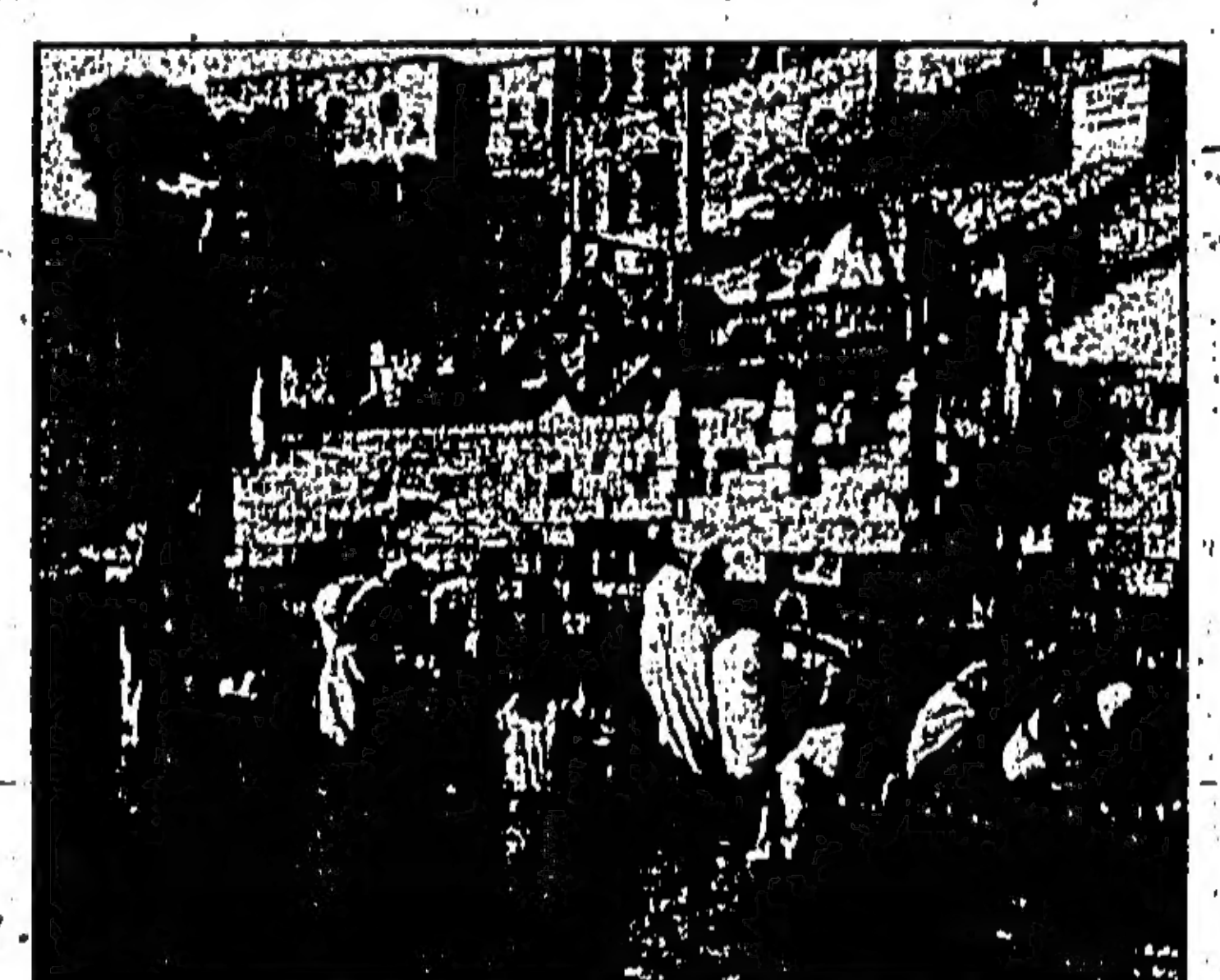
We followed a valley where the mountain tops sometimes rose above us, and then, passing between two great promontories of rock, followed another valley. At the far end of it Kathmandu was just visible.

I was leaning over the pilot's shoulder as we approached to land. "We had a prang here a few weeks ago," he said. "You'll see the aircraft as we come in." "Well, don't let's have another," I replied. His landing was impeccable.

### THE GURKHAS

I HAVE been in Kathmandu for three days and it has been a short but delightful holiday. It is extraordinary how quiet the streets are after an Indian town. There are no tongas and no rickshaws—only a few motor-cars, most of them old towing models with hoods. There is a small and a feel in the fresh clean air which is familiar. Is it Switzerland or is it the Highlands of Scotland? I don't know; perhaps it is something between the two.

The city stands round a great square of grass, more like a vast lawn. People sit about basking in the sun and chatting. A few are trading in goats and sheep, which have been driven in from the mountains. They are terribly hard and tough, these mountain people. Small of stature and a few in two feet clean air which is familiar. Is it Switzerland or is it the Highlands of Scotland? I don't know; perhaps it is something between the two.



Benares . . . Indians bathing in the Ganges.

is three miles wide at Patna and the car has to be ferried across. On the far side it is loaded on to a trailer and carried some miles further over a river before the road journey to the Nepal frontier can really begin.

The ferrying by boat and train takes four hours, possibly longer. Moreover, it would be necessary to repeat it on the return journey, as there is no direct road to the north of the Ganges which leads to Cooch Behar and the Assam Trunk Road.

In order to reach the Assam Trunk Road I must go from Patna to Bhagalpur and cross there to the north bank of the Ganges.

The air journey from Patna to Kathmandu is only one hour. In the morning I set off in a DC3 of Indian Air Lines. After we'd been in the air for half an hour the pilot came off and said to me "Come up in front—it's about the only chance you'll have of seeing Mount Everest."

Beneath us lay the dark green jungle, and beyond, still some way off, the foothills of Nepal stretched in a long line across our course. Piled above them was a layer of clouds, and there, over a hundred miles away, but sharply defined in the clear, high air, rose the great white mass of the Himalayas.

### EVEREST

MY gaze was riveted on the peaks which the pilot was pointing out to me. He guided me along the range, then, "that one," he said, "next to the one with a shadow on it, that's Everest." Even at such a great distance it looked superb, with a cloud, like a great white plume, at its summit.

To our left, Annapurna raised its huge white bulk above the cloud layer. I wished we could have stayed for a longer look, but we were steadily nearing the clouds, and as we flew beneath them the Himalayas passed from our view.

winter. They move with a curious lopsided, their loads fixed to a band across their foreheads. Gurkha soldiers—those sturdy, indomitable fighters—march briskly about their duties, while boys and girls in little groups play marbles or hopscotch in the streets.

Around Kathmandu are numerous temples, both Buddhist and Hindu. I am not allowed to enter the Hindu temples, though I have visited many and seen an extraordinary wealth of carvings and sculptures. Some are quite grotesque, though no more so than the gargoyles on Christian cathedrals, and all have a religious significance.

### GREAT TEMPLE

I CLIMBED up the long steep steps to the Buddhist temple of Swayambhu Nath. Monkeys swing out of the bushes and performed the most ridiculous antics, grasping the railings and sliding down them with dexterity no small boy could ever match.

They swarmed quite freely round the temple buildings, but no one, not even the praying priest, seemed the least bit disturbed.

The great temple was a splendid sight. Coloured flags and bunting were strung from its high pinnacles and fluttered in the breeze. Pilgrims walked about in little crowds, wearing its circular hats, while priests were at worship, some seated and spinning their praying wheels. The lama was seated in a little shrine where a hundred candles flickered. He swayed gently from side to side as he chanted his prayers.

Many of the pilgrims and priests are Tibetans. Lhasa, the capital, is about ten days' march north through the mountains. Most of them have come by this route, to be at Kathmandu in time for the visit of the Dalai Lama.

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Which is saying a lot, As these boys are pretty hot.

People who have been any where near the Nile Will tell you that a Gypsy will double-cross his own mother with a smile; Also with relish if he has already learned the words

That the old lady has double-crossed him first.

So a man like that international dope Foster Dulles hasn't got a hope.

I doubt if we shall be very happy in the spring or in new summer rainments On account of adverse balance of payments, Even if it is warm and sunny we shall only frizzle. Because imports are up and exports down And even pictures of American film girls with curves Won't make us happy without dollar reserves.

But in the autumn we shall look forward to Christmas 1957

As another glimpse of a phoney heaven, And do ourselves no good With more Christmas pud, And drink whisky cocktails followed by champagne, Though we said we'd never do it again; And stay up far too late To wish each other a happy 1958— So life goes on and on and on What fun, what fun, what fun.

### Champagne again?

THOSE who were dreaming of a white Christmas, by heck, Certainly got it in the neck! And those who read that a turkey would be cheaper than a bunny Didn't think it very funny When they found They had to pay the same old price per lb.

The spirit of good will Does not shine brightly when you are feeling ill In other words it's hard to be placid

When your stomach's full of acid.

This may be why the spirit didn't shine too good In Hollywood, Where, after a Christmas party, Paul Brinkman socked Homer Rhoads good and hearty.

They say it was about a girl called Jeanne Crain. Though I think they had been drinking whisky cocktails, followed by champagne. You'd think by now that even an ape Would know that spirit distilled from grain does not mix with grape, And makes people bellicose, And want to punch each other on the nose.

Therefore I don't believe they fought about Jenny or any other girl But because their fums were in a whirl.

Anyway, after seeing Jenny's picture, I wouldn't care to be in a mix On her account, even if her measurements are 20-23-30. Though I must admit I could go for Marilyn Monroe.

With her I would never feel placid. Be my stomach full of alkaline and not acid. Which it still is. Despite bleach and bis.

Anyway, here's wishing you a happy New Year, Full of good fortune and good cheer. Though I have warned you about mixing whisky and champagne, and you were warned. You'll probably do it again and again. So life goes on and on and on. What fun, what fun, what fun. (World Copyright)



## This Funny World



"Guess it's about quitting time"

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... BY STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

BORN today, you have soaring ambitions and the energy to work hard at achieving them. Self-assured and confident, you stride ahead with full confidence that you can get exactly what you want out of life. You don't know what it means to hesitate or make a decision, for you have the ability to arrange the facts so there seems but one decision to make—and that you make without delay. Prosperity is a word outside of your experience. What needs to be done, you accomplish with dispatch and accuracy.

You are sure of your own judgment—and usually rightly so. But you may find that it is easier to persuade others of this if you use a little more tact in presenting your

plans. Make it a point, at least, to listen to both sides of the question before giving orders. Then, instead of "ordering" something to be done, suggest that it should be accomplished. If suggestions fail, then there is time enough to turn into the strict disciplinarian. As a rule, you will find that the psychological effect of having listened to all opinions is an excellent method of getting wholehearted co-operation from your workers. For most results, start new projects in March or November.

It is likely that an early marriage is in store for you. You are all your own happiness when surrounded by members of your own family. You do enjoy their love and devotion, as well as their praise—when you do a good job. Wed to someone who shares your ambitions, your marriage can be an exceptionally happy and successful one.

Among those born on this date were: William Harvey, scientist; Thomas Brown and Lancelotti Alberic, poets; John K. Faine, composer; Alexander McCune, noted editor; John Shaw, jurist; Joseph Willard, educator; Richard Halliburton, explorer-author; Grace Zaring Stone, author; and Vilma Banky, actress.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—An excellent day for business. The stars say that you should make a new plan that averages profit right now.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Your relationship with your neighbors should be especially friendly if you display a mutual cooperation.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If you have been feeling under the weather lately, don't neglect to have that physical checkup. It's important.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If involved in a real estate deal, you may find that there are complications which cannot be solved immediately.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—Not your day so far as love and romance are concerned. Be polite and go home rather than wait to keep the peace.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21)—Impulse is not your best guide today, so if an important matter comes up, think it all out very carefully.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23)—Much better for you to "go it alone" than to team up with a partner who will retard progress later on.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—If your job is connected with publicity or advertising, you can expect a new idea to go over big with the boss.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Put your nose to the grindstone and get that writing job done. Develop your new invention successfully.

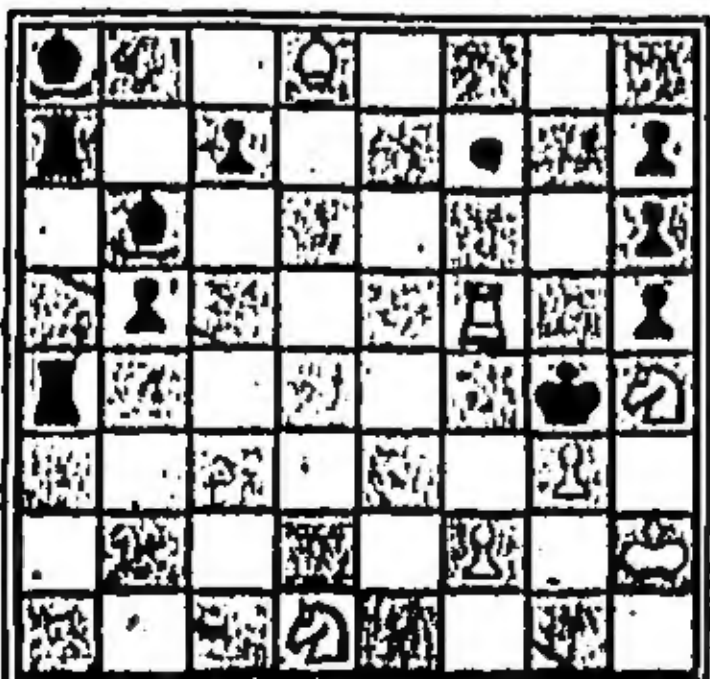
**LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—By using good judgment and keeping a level head you can make a good contract or agreement which stands up well.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—You may take a short trip to see friends today and have a successful visit.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Manual dexterity should be high for those of you who work with your hands. Take full advantage of this fact.

## CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



A problem by P. C. Asbury-Smith (Time and Tide, 1955). White to move in two.

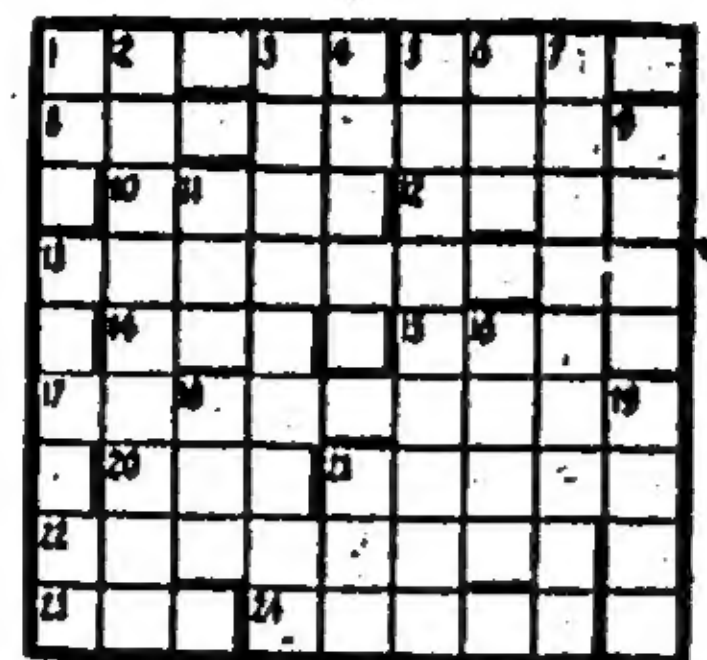
**Solution to yesterday's problem:**  
1. KxPch; 2. PxK; 3. QxKch; 3. K-R1, B-B1.

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE next best thing to having a collar stocked with

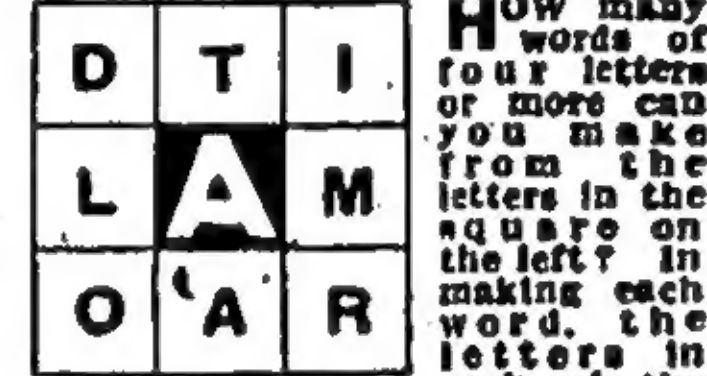
## CROSSWORD



**Across**  
1. It has hidden depths. (5)  
2. Chartered accountant member of Parliament. (4)  
3. Liquid fuel (anagram). (4)  
4. It may describe an estate. (4)  
5. Silver of Ireland. (4)  
6. Proud gets mixed with it to make a song. (4)  
7. Miss West the life-saver. (4)  
8. Mince when young did head great. (4)  
9. End. (2)  
10. Another end. (2)  
11. The man in Zorro's pants. (5)  
12. Impaired transportation. (5)  
13. The lowest thing in the S.A.P. (5)  
14. Savoury. (5)

**Down**  
1. Polesons sort of snake. (3)  
2. Hazy gods who a weather machine. (3)  
3. Put out by someone with something to say. (3)  
4. Mix up oil between a chicken and a butter. (3)  
5. Material ship. (3)  
6. You see this, maybe, with a verb. (3)  
7. Mandy gets a role in success. (3)  
8. The look has a bit of victory in it. (3)  
9. Time in a plea. (3)  
10. Pasture for life. (3)  
11. A kind of line from D.C. (3)  
12. It's difficult to make them meet. (3)  
13. The girl in radar. (3)

## TARGET



**HOW MANY** words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the squares on the left? Make each word by using the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words or names.

**TODAY'S TARGET:** 49 words good; 62 words, very good; 63 words excellent. Solution tomorrow.

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:** Alder, dale, deal, drupal, dual, dupe, ead, equal, lade, lard, lead, leap, lure, lured, pale, pair, pear, pedal, pedlar, pleader, plea, pleat, pleat, pleat, pleat, quad, RUPLE, real, rule, uad.

134,721 different wines is to pore over Louis Larmat's "Atlas de la France Viticole," one of my proudest possessions.

You can imagine that you are walking slowly up wine-list after wine-list, stopping to taste here, there (and everywhere). I once walked the Cote d'Or vineyard by vineyard nosing (and mouthing) my way through the immortal villages which have added so much to the happiness of mankind. Today I still meet people who write that a certain dish was "washed down with" this or that wine, as though the belly were a dirty garage wall, and a bottle of wine a pailful of water.

## Review of the situation (by "CITICUS")

EVERY financial or fiscal check the interim loss of revenue must be based on a contingent increase in decreased availability of money for the overall consumer. What this means, in words of one syllable, is that the deficiency gap between totalled expenditure and residual assets can only be bridged by an incremental increase in contributory levies spread over public services, trade, industry, and private emolument. In proportion as the monetary resources of the national Exchequer become more exiguous, the necessity of supplementing the diminished funds results in pecuniary measures designed to extract superfluous income and capital from all users of currency.

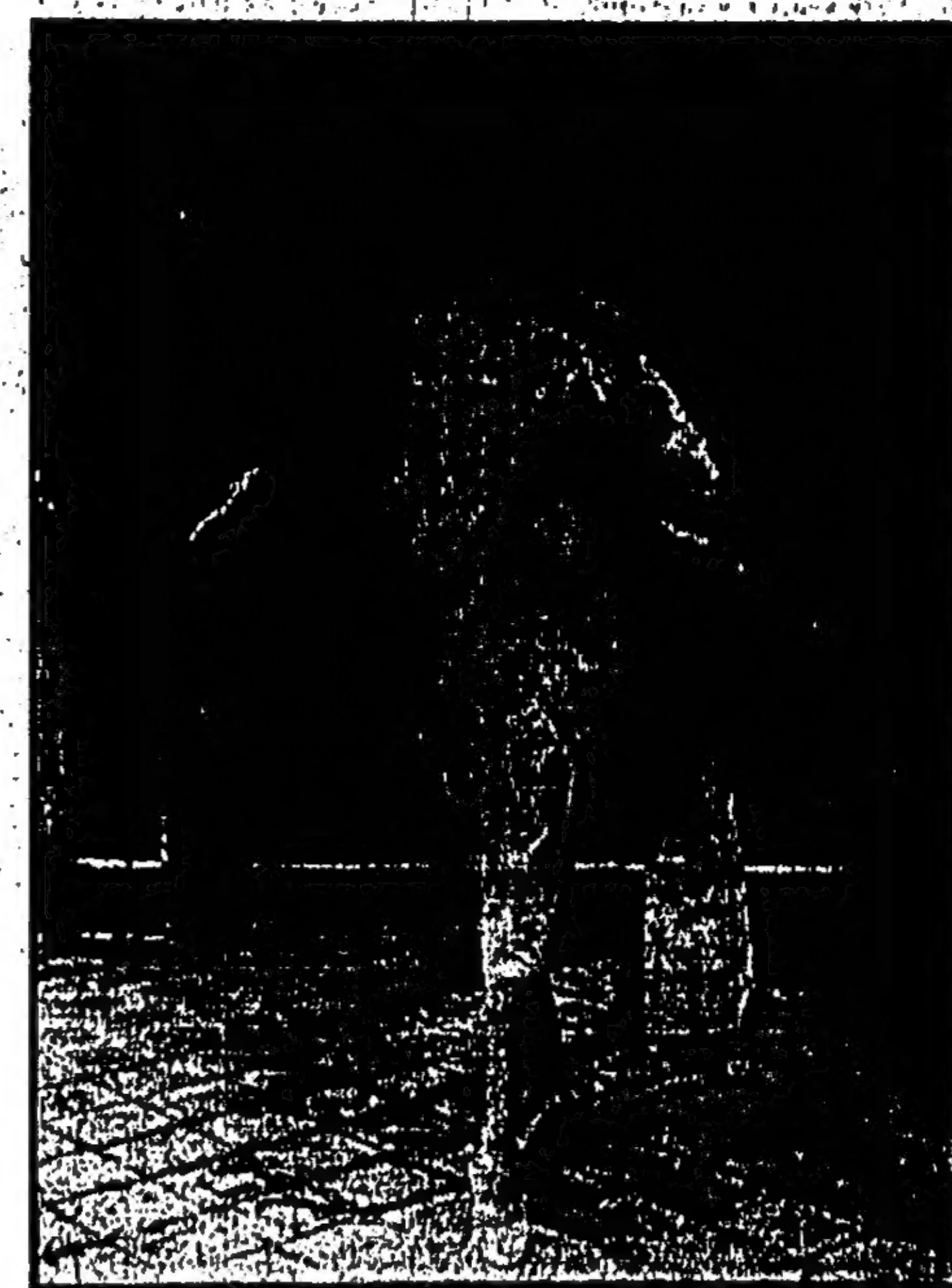
## A misunderstanding

THE advice to "Enunciate your name distinctly over the telephone" is admirable. A Burmese named So Wat rang up a Ministry to ask for some information. This is what happened.

"What is your name, please?"  
"So Wat."  
"I asked for your name. Please do not waste my time."  
"I told you. So Wat."  
"You did not tell me. Now, what is your name?"  
"So Wat."  
"If you persist in this insolent nonsense, I'm afraid I must ring off. Now, your name please?"  
"So Wat."  
"So go to the devil!"

## WOMANSENSE

## Draped Dior Model For Evening



Designed on the "Magnet Line," this short evening dress named "Istanbul" is in pink brocade. Note the unusual draping which terminates into a knot on the bodice. The stole is trimmed with sable. From Christian Dior. —Agence France-Presse.

## How To Be Helpful When Baby Learns To Talk

By GARRY C. MYERS, Ph.D.

WE little realise what a prodigious achievement learning to speak is for a young child. For an adult to learn one or several foreign languages is not comparable in difficulty.

From early infancy the baby hits on more and more sounds by trial and error. By and by, he discovers that some of these sounds are the ones he hears from older persons relating to familiar things or experiences. His parents are pleased. They smile approval and often repeat them after the child.

In the meanwhile, the infant has learned to imitate movements he sees and sounds he hears. Most of his speech is learned by imitation. Not only must he imitate words and phrases and sentences which he hears, he also may imitate the motions of our mouths as we say them. So he is helped by what he hears and sees.

He learns best from single words for familiar things and actions as "dog," "run," rather than "This is a dog" or "Run to the door." Also as he hears and sees you shape each word clearly and distinctly.

So you can understand why you should speak clearly and distinctly to him. Seeing your face, especially your mouth, helps him to learn to speak, too.

Therefore, the more relaxed and companionable you are when you speak to him and the more readily he looks right into your face as you speak, the more quickly he learns.

Never try to hurry a child in learning to talk. Too great urging may hamper and retard his speech development.

If your child seems to have made no progress at talking by the time he is two or three, have an expert test his hearing. Keep on speaking to him softly, clearly, winning him to look at you as you do. Let him play with other children who speak well.

In your effort to be companionable with the baby and young child, you may be inclined to indulge unwisely in baby talk and repeat his infantile sounds and expressions.

Try to say correctly, over and over again, in rhymes and stories, the sounds and words with which he has difficulty.

Even at five or six he may have trouble making correct sounds of s, sh, ch, j, l, r. He may substitute the sound of t for k; t, s or f for th; d for g; w for r; r for l. He may have trouble with the blends as fl, fr, sl, sn, sm, sk, bl, br.

Don't interrupt him to correct him. Be so skilful as to cause him to feel comfortable as he tries to imitate your sounds and lip movements in making them.

## FRUIT-FILLED COOKIES

By ALICE DENHOFF

OUR mode of living changes with the seasons. For example, the delicious aromas wafting in from the kitchen give some inkling of the new activity taking place there and remind us it's baking time again.

Making up a batch of cookies is a long process but well worth the effort.

Here is a recipe for an unusual cookie filled with cherries.

To make about 30, sift 2 c. sifted all-purpose flour, 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder and 1/2 tsp. salt together.

Soften 1/2 c. butter or margarine and combine with 1 c. sugar, beating until mixed and fluffy.

Add 1 slightly beaten egg, tsp. grated lemon peel and tsp. lemon juice. Mix well.

Add sifted ingredients. Mix until lightly browned.

Roll dough out on lightly floured board to 1/2-in. thickness, then cut in 2-in. rounds.

Combine 3/4 c. finely chopped whole orange and 1/4 c. finely chopped maraschino cherries (about 24). Mix thoroughly.

Top half of the rounds with 1 rounded tsp. orange-cherry mixture. Top with remaining rounds and seal edges. Place on ungreased baking sheets and bake at 400° F., 12 to 15 min. or until lightly browned.

## Household Hints

If you file recipes or index cards, give them a thin coating of white shellac to protect them from food stains.

Wash dark cottons separately so they won't pick up lint.

Cucumbers make a tasty cocktail-time dip. Peel and cut cucumbers into squares and spear each square with a toothpick. Serve them with a dip made with heavy sour cream mixed with a dash of basil and some fresh dill seed.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

## The Story Of Mr. Punch

—Some New Facts About An Old Friend—

By MAX TRELL

THERE was Mr. Punch, the Puppet, dozing in his easy chair as usual. It was the afternoon, and that was the time when Mr. Punch always took a nap.

It was just then that Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, came up to Knarf, the shadow boy with the turned-about name, and said, as he pointed his thumb mysteriously at Mr. Punch, "Somebody told me that his name isn't Mr. Punch at all."

## Surprised Voice

"You mean," said Knarf in a surprised voice, "that Mr. Punch isn't Mr. Punch?"

"That's what I heard," said Teddy, nodding.

"Then, what is his name?" asked Knarf.

"It's something very long," said Teddy, "like Punchinamus or Punchorolo or something like that."

"Here are you talking about me?" Mr. Punch suddenly said. He had come awake and was shaking his finger at Teddy.

Knarf said, "We were just wondering about your name."

"Somebody told me," said Teddy, "that your name used to be something else."

"Quite right," said Mr. Punch. "Come over here and I'll tell you all about it."

So Knarf and Teddy went over to Mr. Punch and sat down on the edge of his easy chair. Then Mr. Punch began.

## How Old Am I?

"It's quite right that my name wasn't always Punch. But before I got to that, let me ask you this question. Do you know how old I am?"

Knarf answered that he guessed Mr. Punch was not more than a year old.

"You just came here last Christmas," he said.

Mr. Punch shook his head. Then he answered gravely, "I'm hundreds and hundreds of years old."

"You are!" gasped Teddy.

"Well, so you are surprised. I always had the feeling you thought so. One over knew me before I came to this house to



Mr. Punch was dozing in his easy chair.

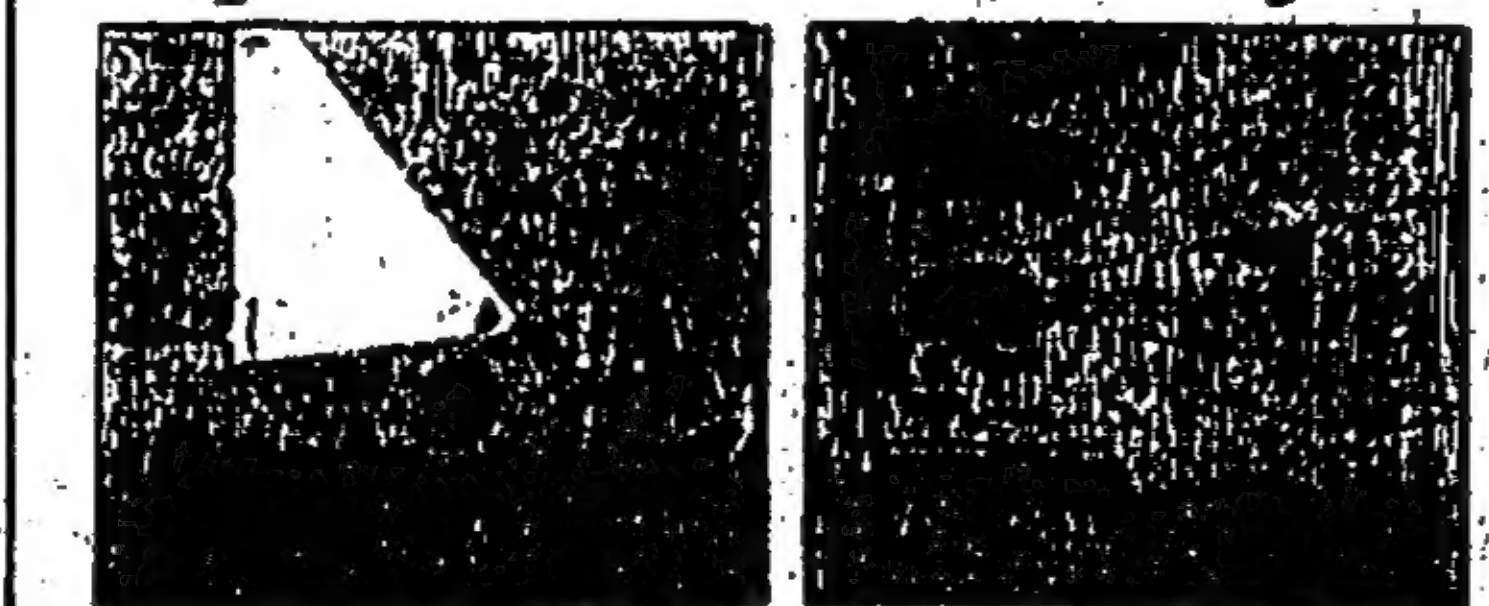
"In England, you know, everyone talks English. At first, the children tried to pronounce my name as it really was supposed to be pronounced. But they didn't succeed in doing it exactly. They began calling me 'Pun' instead of 'Punchinello'. And then, well, finally they decided that Punchinello was too long and twisted their tongues too much. So they called me Punch, for short. And that's the name that stuck. I've been Punch ever since."

"It's a nice name," said Teddy.

"It's a nice name and it's a funny name and it's just like you," said Knarf.

And Mr. Punch smiled so broadly that the ends of his mouth touched his ears. He was really quite pleased.

## Rupert and the Old Chimney—25



Rupert leads the way round the great cedar in which they are trapped, and at length he reaches his torch into a corner. "Hi, come here and look!" he cries. "There's a light of steps. They must come from somewhere. Let's go up and explore." "Mr. I'm all right," Rupert nervously

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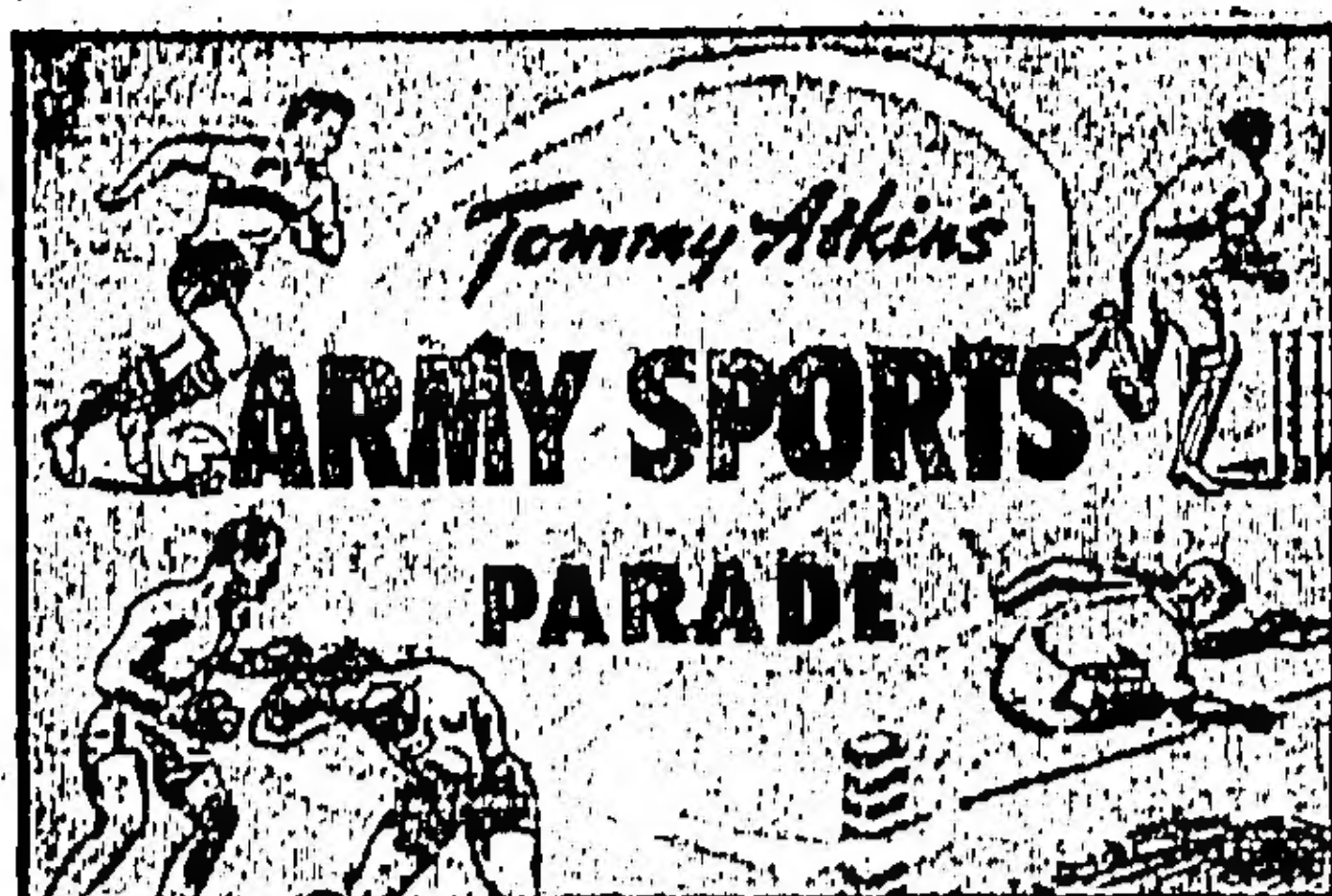
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The spot of honour this week is reserved for that very popular sportsman, Major John Ledsham, RA. Besides the cares of Secretaryship of Army Rugby, he has also controlled the destinies of the Army Rugby Union Referees Society, and has refereed many of the Colony and Services matches.

I often wonder what makes people take up the administrative side of a sport, carrying as it does so often all the kicks and none of the halfpence. In this case I know the answer, a deep love for the game. Having played for Rosslyn Park, his unit, and taken over the captaincy of the Rhine Army team, he was finally selected for an England trial, the height of the ambition of all players next to an actual cap.

At this stage disaster struck and an unfortunate and serious accident put him out of this trial and made further participation as a player of Rugby impossible.

This blow could well have caused him to give up the game, but John, for all the hard work you have given so willingly to Rugby and its referees, Dan Youngs and, having missed International honours as a player, may we see you gain them as a referee, and we all look forward to seeing you at Twickenham in the not too distant future.

#### NEW SECRETARY

The new Secretary of Army Rugby will be Major Trevor Griffiths, RAOC, better known perhaps as an above average golfer. He is located in the 24 Field Engineer Regt. RE, at 24 Field Engineer Regt. RE, at 24 Field Engineer Regt. RE.

The second semi-final of the Knock-out competition between 27 HAA Rgt. RA and 24 Field Engineer Regt. RE saw the Gunners maintaining my shaky reputation as a forecaster when they emerged victors by nine points to all after a hard but rather scrappy game. The Artillery now meet the Hussars in the Hongkong zone final.

By kind permission of the Commissioner of Police this will be held on the Police ground at Boundary Street on Wednesday, January 16, commencing at 10.00 hrs. It is hoped that General and Mrs Stratton may be able to attend what promises to be a hard fought struggle for the premier local award in this sport.

The Plate competition for teams knocked out in the preliminary rounds is nearing its conclusion. REME beat 7 Hussars "B" by 12-6 the draw for the semi-final is 15 Medium Rgt. RA v. REME and 19 Field Rgt. RA v. Green Howards or HQLE.

It looks as if my prediction that the Mediums and Green Howards would meet in the final will come true. If so it will be a really class match, one worth going a distance to see, and I have a feeling that the winners of this game will want to try conclusions with the competition winner. Just to prove that their earlier defeat was bad luck.

#### MINOR UNITS HOCKEY

Hockey is recovering after its seasonal lull, and the Minor Units League has produced several matches during the week with few surprises results. HMS "Tamar" have done 6 COD a good turn by defeating District Workshops REME by 5-3 after a hard and enjoyable game.

The Ordnance boys are now a point ahead and appear to have an easier programme of matches still to play. Workshops having been on top for so long are bound to put up a strong fight to rectify this position, whilst HQRE are not yet out of the running. With every game a vital matter some very good hockey may be expected at Boundary Street the next week or two.

In the Knockout Competition 11 Inf. Workshops REME KO'd Kowloon Signals by 6-0 but Island Signals retrieved the honour of the Corps by whipping 137 Battery RA by 8-1.

The draw for the quarter-finals resulted as follows: 6 HAA Battery RA or Command Workshops REME v. HQRE Troops, Island Signals v. 6 COD, District Workshops REME v. RAMC or 23 HAA Battery RA, and finally 11 Inf. Workshops REME tackle the Command Pay Office.

In the Major Units competition the draw for the quarter-finals resulted in 74 LAA Rgt. RA meeting the RASC the 7 Hussars facing either 24 Field Eng. Rgt. RE or 27 HAA Rgt. RA and the 1 Green Howards and 15 Medium Rgt. RA, who have already had a most exciting clash, meet again to decide who will take

### Hockey League Fixtures For The Week-End

Following are the Hockey League fixtures for both the Ladies' and Men's Divisions over the week-end.

**LADIES' LEAGUE**  
Saturday  
Kings v. Gremmies 'A', King's Park at 2.30 p.m.  
Umpires—W.O.I. Edwards, C.F.O. Verrie.  
Hercules 'A' v. Victorians, Boundary Street at 4 p.m.  
Umpires—Mr. Von Rongen, Mr. Ross.  
Gremmies 'B' v. KGV, Boundary Street at 2.30 p.m.  
Umpires—Mr. Krishan Lal, Mr. Abbas.

**MEN'S**  
1st Division Sunday  
Army 'A' v. Hercules 'B', Bookkumpoo at 4 p.m.  
Umpires—Mr. Dillon, Mr. Mahan Singh.  
Navy v. Hercules 'A', Happy Valley at 4 p.m.  
Umpires—Major Ship, Mr. Wilson.  
Sookkumpoo v. Nav Bharat 'A', Sookkumpoo at 11 a.m.  
Umpires—Major Webber, Mr. Fowler.  
RAF 'A' v. Duffell, Kail Tak at 2 p.m.  
Umpires—W.O.I. Edwards, F.L.I. Irwin.

2nd Division  
Nav Bharat 'B' v. RAF 'B', Boundary Street at 2.30 p.m.  
Umpires—W.O.I. Edwards, SQMS Demons v. HKHC, Happy Valley at 11 a.m.  
Umpires—Mr. Webber, Mr. Cribbas.  
Army 'C' v. IRC, Boundary Street at 4 p.m.  
Umpires—S/Sgt. Moore, W.O.I. Tullins.  
Army 'B' v. Hercules 'C', Sookkumpoo at 2.30 p.m.  
Umpires—Lt. Brown, Mr. Hawler.

#### REMINDERS

A note to remind all boxers with an interest in the HK Army Championships that they should present themselves at the McPherson Stadium, Kowloon, by 9.00 hrs. tomorrow, Thursday, January 10. The fact that you have forgotten to enter or that your entry has not been forwarded is not material so long as you are at the Stadium in time and report to the DOPT before the weigh-in and draw are completed.

#### FOOTBALL

Football has had a long rest over the past holiday, but gets into full stride today with five cup ties, the semi-finals of the Major Units on the Boundary Street ground, and three quarter-finals of the Minor Units, at Gun Club, King's Park and Sek Kong.

During the week the RAMC battled for their Corps Cup, and at Boundary Street the BMH deservedly ended 33 General Hospital's interest in the first semi-final, 28 FDS met 18 Field Ambulance in the other game and before an enthusiastic crowd gave an exciting and very entertaining 70 minutes of soccer.

While the FDS were undoubtedly the superior football machine the Field Ambulance never gave up trying. Few agreed with the referee's award of a penalty to them in the closing moments which made the result a draw, but on reflection it is hard to see that this was a wise decision as it gives all another chance to see a fine game.

In the reserve section of the Senior League on Sunday a large crowd saw the Army beat a lively KMB second eleven by 3-2.

The Army forward line, however, often seemed at sixes and sevens (the latter being constantly offside) but Smith, wearing the No. 9 shirt, did a "Don Revie" and did it very well.

Davies at centre-half had a good match but I felt that an attacking game by him would have had better results. Several fouls were very obviously intentional and were not in the best Army tradition; watch it, lads, the Army side have built up a name for hard clean play.

It is hoped that this week's training session will be devoted to the "drill" for positioning for a free kick near goal. Good covering might well have prevented one of KMB's goals.

Finally there was the man with the "magic" sponge? A player was injured late in the second half when the trainer had gone to the dressing room, surely a volunteer trainer for the reserve side could be easily found?

The first XI started off their game with KMB in fine fettle but this year's urgent need, goal-scoring forwards, was all too soon evident. Every man in the side more than pulled his weight, but oh for some shooting boots. Having a good 70 percent of the play, Army just could not take advantage of their superior mid-field play.

Play deteriorated on both sides during the second period, and it was tragic to see goalkeeper Allen, who has turned in some fine displays this season, let in one very simple shot and later get mixed up with his left back and present another goal to the Busmen.

Bad luck, Army. You certainly did not deserve to lose on that display.

Next Sunday will see the Army "B" side, the sole survivor of the Army teams who entered the Junior Shield tournament, meeting St. Joseph's. This game will be played at the Club Stadium at 14.00 hrs. to be followed by the Army v. Force match.

Now that means two good games for the price of one admission ticket, and the Army lads deserve and need your vocal encouragement. Make a

### COLLAPSIBLE DINGHY AND CANOE



The very thing to take away on the summer holidays — the collapsible Pixie utility canoe and dinghy which can be divided and stored in the boot of a car. The Pixie, pictured on the deck of a seagoing Atlanta, was one of the novel exhibits at the National Boat Show at Olympia, London, on New Year's Day.

## GEORGE WHITING, Britain's top boxing reporter, gives his 1957 British rankings OUR 'TRADESMEN' FIGHTERS ARE ON THE FLOOR

Who fights the good fight in 1957? We will now lead with the chin—inviting wrath and vilification from one and all by suggesting that British professional boxing, beset by petrol rationing, talent rationing, entertainment tax, cushy jobs, boxers who can only count up to 10, and managers who can only count up to 25 per cent, is about to face its leanest year of all time. Lackaday, woe is me, and here's to the graveyard.

**NON-COMMERCIALS**  
The amateurs? Doing very nicely, thank you. With Terry Spinks and Dick McTaggart still making in the Olympic gold medal glories of Melbourne with television fees swelling the kitty, and with fewer top liners falling for the professional come-hither, boxing fortunes have swithered mightily in favour of the non-commercial.

If I were a meanie, I could give you the name of a professional boxing VIP, who, unguardedly and before witnesses, put the situation very pithily indeed when he demanded: "Why should boys get their

faces pushed in for £25 when they can find £15-a-week jobs without getting hurt?"

However, we had better not go into cauliflower economies. Instead, let us reach for the inkly cloak and try to introduce some semblance of preference and order into the thinning ranks of our hard-hit professional pugilists. With hesitation, fear, trembling, and apologies all round, I offer the following 1957 ranking of those eligible for native British titles:

#### HEAVYWEIGHT

1. Joe Erskine (champion).
2. Henry Cooper.
3. Dick Richardson.
4. Peter Bates.
5. Brian London.

Points for pedants: I know that Bates, protégé of Bruce Woodcock, has beaten Cooper, I also realize that I risk loss of face with manager Wally Lesley for implying that his Richardson is of lesser calibre than Cooper (property of Jim Wicks).

These things apart, let there be no howling about our heavyweights. Plenty of countries, including America, would swap all their politicians for the likely looking bunches of muscle that now carry on here where the recently retired Don Cockell, Jack Gardner and Johnny Williams left off.

Erskine, unbeaten and pre-eminent, has a real chance of international honours when he comes to fight Cuban Nine Valdes at Earls Court, on February 19.

#### CRUISERWEIGHT

1. Randolph Turpin (champion)
2. Arthur Howard
3. Albert Finch.
4. Alex Buxton.
5. Johnny Sullivan.

Turpin is 28, Finch and Buxton each 30, and all three have in the past announced firm and irrevocable retirement—yet here they are, still lordling it over younger light-heavies. Shows what a state we are in.

No news yet of a Ron Baran return. Howard is matched for Turpin's title, Johnny Sullivan, 24-year-old recruit from middleweight campaigns in America, could brighten things up a little. Put down Ted Williams, of Huddersfield, and Len Mullen, of Glasgow, as "hopefuls."

#### MIDDLEWEIGHT

1. Pat McAtee (champion).
2. Martin Hansen.
3. Lew Lazar.
4. Billy Ellaway.
5. Les Allen.

Notwithstanding that recent summary defeat by "Spider" Webb in Chicago, the smooth

McAtee still holds plenty of appeal for those of us who prefer boxing to bruising. But were Hunslet Conqueror of Lazar, Ellaway and Allen, this experienced home-from-Copenhagen middleweight is one of the few contemporaries with brains enough to "pace" a fight, instead of bashing on regardless.

#### WELTERWEIGHT

1. Peter Waterman (champion)
2. Frank Johnson.
3. Jimmy Croil.
4. Tommy Molloy.
5. Gordon Goodman.
6. Les Maloney.
7. Jackie Butler.
8. Les Morgan.

Crowded, aren't we? Add Johnson's ringcraft to Waterman's zest, and we could begin talking in terms of international honours. Add Johnson's inconsistency to Waterman's almost stubborn lack of variety and we could weep.

Tommy Molloy, unbeaten, and Les Morgan, back with reputedly sound hands, might well be making things interesting for the lightweights before another year is over.

#### LIGHTWEIGHT

1. Joe Lucy (champion).
2. Dave Charley.
3. Willie Lloyd.
4. Sammy McCarthy.
5. Johnny Mann.
6. Paddy Graham.

Do not bother to proclaim that Lloyd has beaten southpaw Charley—unless he does it again at the Royal Albert Hall on January 22.

After all, if we are to become involved in the A beats B routine, this same Willie Lloyd could be ranked in the rear of such less excited lightweights as George Whelan and Denis Hinson. And whom would you back if Lloyd were to be matched with the new and more fearsome edition of the "once-over-polite" Sammy McCarthy?

Mystery man ex-leatherweight champion Billy Kelly, likely newcomer: Arthur Donachie—10 wins in as many fights.

#### FEATHERWEIGHT

1. Bobby Nell.
2. Charlie Hill (champion).
3. Jimmy Brown.

The rest, nowhere—yet. No apologies for putting boxer-of-the-year Nell ahead of the champion. When Nell has polished off Brown in Belfast on January 19, and repeated under title conditions his recent slaughterhouse job on Hill—why, well, all be riding on a rainbow. The date and chunky Nell is almost our only gili-

### MY 25 YEARS IN RACING

## DONOGHUE OFFERS PUNCH ON NOSE

By CLIVE GRAHAM (The Scout)

On the last day of December 1931, a nervous, 18-year-old boy, named Clive Graham, was ushered by a commissionaire into a little, unwindable L-shaped room in the old Daily Express office in Shoe-lane, off Fleet-street.

It was 11 o'clock in the morning. In one corner, two ticker-tapes droned away. The room smelt of paper and newspaper and studded-out cigarettes.

A few minutes later, an elderly, heavily coated man, with thick horn-rimmed spectacles, brushed through the door.

"I'm Warren, Sports Editor here," he announced. "You're the youngster we have taken on the racing staff?"

Mr Warren vanished into his sanctum, a frosty glassed cubby-hole and came out with some Press Association forms.

"That's the programme for tomorrow," he explained. "Find a form-book and enter the last three figures against the name of each horse."

The newcomer stated that he didn't need any form-book; he knew by heart the pedigree and form-figures of every horse in training.

That was quite true. "Old Man" Warren shook his head dubiously and walked back to his little den muttering: "He might know a lot about racing, but he hasn't been through the mill..."

That's for laughs, now—that credit for "knowing a lot about racing." It seems at this stage to me that all I knew then could have been written in longhand on a piece of cigarette-paper.

I knew the form-book, yes, but in an amateurish sort of way. My maths master at Chesham School, "Chump" Pearson, taught me the rudiments of handicapping over the breakfast table, when I was 11 years old.

"Three pounds equals a length" made far more sense than the instruction that three times 12 is 36.

And the horse side came during the holidays, when I ducked under the paddock-rails at Mrs Chester Beatty's stud farm near Charing in Kent and helped—as much as I could—with the mares and foals and imbibed all the fascinating lore about pedigrees and the Stud Book.

That visual delight, the spectacle of thoroughbred mares and foals together in a paddock on a fine April day, still holds its enchantment each recurring year.

But you need to be 12 years old and lying down in the fresh growing grass, chewing a cow-slip stem, to enjoy it utterly.

And what a change to observe later, in the autumn, when the foals were weaned and separated from their mothers! How those young colts raced and kicked and fought each other!

In this Teddy Boy stage, there usually emerges a boss. And stud groom still argue whether or not this young "big shot" will eventually prove the best grown-up racehorse...

#### BEST GUIDE

Form and breeding—that was all I knew about on the racing side 25 years ago, and come to think of it, these are still the best guide to winner-finding.

The interpretation of form and pedigrees still remains all-important. I found this out the hard way, when promoted in March 1932 to take over the "Racing" feature.

Billed as "the Boy Wonder"—did I live up to that name? After a moderately successful start at Lincoln and Liverpool, there came a sequence of 24 (yes, twenty-four) consecutive losing naps.

The Ascot meeting saved me (to plague you all these years later). Uddapur, Orpen, Sandy Lashes, Heronstein, Concerto, and others—bless them all!

Two points arise from these days—the danger of trying too hard to find winners, and therefore neglecting the obvious, and the patient tolerance of the prewar Daily Express reader.

As that first season progressed, the winners began to flow and I was even allowed to write "The Scout" article when Cyril Luckinoff took a short holiday in August.

#### TRUCULENT

Hurst Park, it was, Steve Donoghue (whom I only knew slightly then) came up to me outside the weighing-room, looking disturbed and truculent.

"Have you seen Cyril Luckinoff?" he demanded. "Because I want to punch him slap on the nose."

"Why would that be, Steve?" replied the young racing reporter. "Why?" said Steve, looking even angrier. "Because of what he wrote about me in his article this morning."

"Ow does 'e?" went on Steve (who dropped his hatcases whenever he became excited). "Mel Ride second jockey to Michael Beatty!"

(The occasion was a review of riding plans for the 1932 St Leger, when the Aga Khan started four horses—first, second, fourth, and fifth. Tom Stave and Michael, they both picked wrong and Freddie Fox won on Firdausi at 20-1.)

Fortunately for me, at this Hurst Park encounter, Michael, seeing the trouble which was the end of life to him, stroled up to us with that famous twinkle in his eye and amity was soon restored.

Michael, of course, had his hot-headed moments, and it was many years after this that I was to shaking his fist at me in anger.

He had not read the article in question—"but all the jockeys are talking about it," he exploded.

Apart from these minor manifestations of temperament, Steve and Michael and I built up a steady friendship.

A fantastic pair they made. And what terrible tipsters! Steve was always an optimist, while Michael had a fatal knack of choosing the wrong occasion for pessimism.

And yet, somehow, they never seemed to lose heart or forfeit the ability to inspire confidence in the mind of those who listened.

Gordon Richards had his failings too in this line. Can I forget that occasion on the way to Chesham when he despaired of riding more than one winner? (He only rode the other five.)

"Brownie" Clarke, for all his brilliance in the saddle, was another jockey whose advice was best ignored. He was so discouraging, so "off-putting," that R. C. Dawson, for whom he rode at one time, forbade him to come down to his Whetcombe stables.

"You depress me too much, Clarke," he told him. "In fact, you make me positively ill!"

#### ADVISERS

Dick Dawson relied for his advice on the light-weight Tommy Barham as, indeed, did Major W. V. Beatty and, later, Captain Eyre-Rochford on the services of Willie Stephenson.

Neither of these were top-flight jockeys, and it was certainly by my experience that the more successful a rider the less reliable is his judgment.

I don't understand why this should be. I only know it is so, having learned on the hard highway of experience.

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#### ENGLAND LOSES

Copenhagen, Jan. 8. England were beaten 7-0 by Denmark in an international badminton match here tonight. —Reuters.

### THE GAMBOLS



### By Barry Appleby









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## EFFORTS TO GET BACK SPAIN'S GOLD FROM RUSSIANS

Madrid, Jan. 8.

Efforts announced by the Spanish Government to secure a return of the Spanish gold reserves which were sent to Soviet Russia in October 1936, during the Civil War, are not expected to meet with much success.

The Soviet Government is expected to argue that the money was spent in supplying the Republican Government with war equipment, food, and primary materials.

The announcement made recently by the Spanish Government that, with the help of the family of the late Dr. Juan Negrin, Prime Minister of the Republic during its last year and eleven months of existence, it had now gained possession of the documents concerning Spain's gold reserves, has revived one of the most controversial episodes of the Civil War.

Was 64

Dr. Juan Negrin, who was 64 when he died recently of a heart attack in Paris, in the capacity of Finance Minister of the Republic in 1936 was one of those principally concerned in the transfer of the Spanish gold to the Soviet Union. Before he died he apparently

began negotiations to give the Spanish Government the receipts given by the Russians when the gold reached Moscow in February 1937.

Exact figures have never been published, but the figure most often quoted is 501,079 kilograms (some 600 tons) of gold worth, today, some \$733,890,000 or £240,000,000.

The removal of this gold to Moscow was defended by the Communists on the grounds that the Franco offensive on Madrid placed it in danger, that Franco might succeed in blocking it if it were placed elsewhere in Europe or in America, and that the transfer was necessary to guarantee the flow of arms, munitions and food from the Soviet Union.

## No Doubt

There is no doubt that strong Communist pressure was placed on the Republican Government to send the gold to Moscow.

The transfer of the gold from Madrid to Cartagena for shipment to the Soviet Union was carried out by a famous Communist figure of the civil war, "El Campesino" (Valentin Gonzalez).

Some years later, now disillusioned with communism, "El Campesino" fled from Soviet Russia, where he went to live at the end of the Civil War, and wrote a book entitled "Life and Death in Soviet Russia." In this, he described the transfer of the gold as "an immense robbery carried out against the people of Spain."—China Mail Special.

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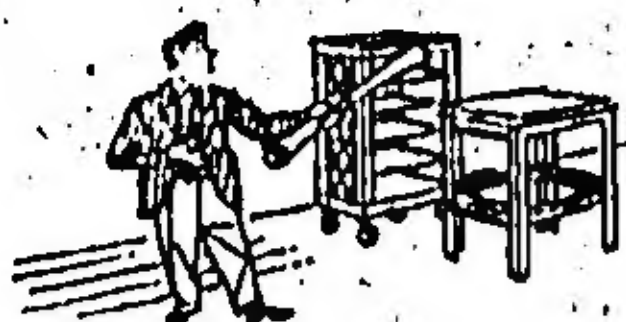
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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### THE SHOESHINE

IN a sense, the queues meet in mid-Atlantic, though, one has its start in an office in Mayfair, and the others coil from the counters of shipping agents in hot West Indian islands.

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Four more jobs followed, in quick succession, and in none did Mortimer settle for more than a few days.

#### PERFECTION

IT was not that he was work-shy. It was more that he was a perfectionist. Somewhere, he knew, a job existed that he could do better than others could. It was towards finding this that he was striving. Perfectionists do better, of course, if they have a little capital behind them. Mortimer had none, and the day came when he found himself out of work with no job in prospect. His only funds were the 15s. unemployment money to which he was entitled.

Some men, so placed, might have grasped at the first job that came in sight, however unsuited to their particular talents. But Mortimer could not bring himself to do. Instead, he took a hard look at himself, seeking to find the reason for his lack of success. He looked himself up and down, from top to toe, and when he got to his toes he knew he need not look further.

His shoes. There lay the trouble. He had not cleaned them in all the weeks he had

been in London. With shoes properly shined, employers would queue to give him jobs. Mortimer set out from his lodgings, made for a chain store, and there bought himself a 1s. 6d. shoe brush.

#### CAUGHT

THEN a thought occurred to him. What good was one brush? Two were essential. As he had not the price of another, Mortimer tried to steal a second brush. He was caught and at Bow Street pleaded guilty to the charge.

A policeman told Mortimer's story to Sir Laurence Dunne, and Mortimer said in his own defence: "I was badly in need of that brush, sah."

"Well, look here," Sir Laurence said to him, "we don't like anybody, whatever their colour or nationality, who comes to this country and starts stealing. You'll be discharged conditionally this time."

"Yes, sah," said Mortimer, and he marched off with his head held high—because he went away free, perhaps. Or because he could not bear to lower his eyes and see his dull, lustreless brown shoes.

### Imports Of HK Shirts To Britain Up

Manchester, Jan. 8. Imports of garments into Britain from Hongkong are still on the increase, the garment section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce was told today.

The section chairman, Mr. P. C. Simpson, told the annual meeting that Hongkong imports increased again in the first ten months of 1956. Hongkong now accounted for about 40 per cent of all clothing imports into Britain, he said. Mr. Simpson said Hongkong competition was most marked in the shirt field. Their average CIF price was about a quarter of the current price for the British article. From January to August last year 579,657 dozen woven shirts were imported from the Colony. This compared with 484,155 dozen in the first eight months of 1955.—Reuter.

## Draft Resolution On Hungary Before UN

United Nations, Jan. 9.

The United States, France, Britain and nearly 20 other nations tonight presented the Bureau of the United Nations General Assembly with a draft resolution on Hungary.

The resolution, which will be examined tomorrow by the General Assembly, calls for the creation of a five-nation committee to investigate the situation in Hungary by all possible means.

It was also announced today that the Hungarian delegation would not take part in this General Assembly debate on Hungary.

The Hungarian delegation left the Assembly in December in protest against the "interference" of the United Nations in Hungarian internal affairs. Later, the Hungarian Government announced in Budapest that the delegation would return to its place in the Assembly. Nevertheless, the delegation did not return to the Assembly when its session resumed on January 2.

#### THE PROPOSALS

The text of the draft resolution proposes that a special five-nation committee be charged with establishing and maintaining means of direct observation both in Hungary and elsewhere. The committee should collate witnesses, reports and other information and report its findings to the General Assembly at the present session and subsequently.

The resolution requests Hungary and the Soviet Union to co-operate with the Committee in every way, in particular in allowing its members to enter and travel freely within Hungary.

If calls upon all member states of the United Nations to do everything possible to aid the committee in its task, particularly by handing on any information they possess. It also calls upon all member nations to put into effect the previous resolutions voted by the Assembly on the Hungarian question—concerning the withdrawal of Soviet troops, the admission of United Nations observers and the halting of deportations.

The resolution finally reiterates the Assembly's request that the Secretary-General, Dr. Dag Hammarskjöld, take all measures he deems useful concerning the Hungarian problem.—France-Press.

### Drive Against Refugees

Budapest, Jan. 8. Hungarians are being daily taken off trains in raids by police and Communist militia under a new drive by the Soviet-backed government to stem the flow of refugees to the West. It was learned today.

Many passengers were closely questioned about their destinations or the amount of money they carried.

Observers said the new measures were making it increasingly difficult to leave Hungary illegally. The official Communist Party organ, *Nep Szabadsag*, told today of one instance in which 180 suspected escapees including aged women and others carrying small children were taken off a train by police at a small station about 12 miles west of Budapest. They were returned to Budapest and most of them freed. The others were detained.

Officials of the Budapest passport office said today that owing to pressure of applications for passports priority was being given to artists, sportsmen and others with semi-official business abroad.—China Mail Special.

### 10 CHINESE TO BE DEPORTED

Manila, Jan. 9. Ten Chinese Communist suspects, detained by the Army Intelligence for the past seven years, will be deported on Friday to Formosa. The Foreign Affairs Department announced yesterday.

While the Department did not release the names of the deportees it admitted that they were part of hundreds of Chinese rounded up by the Army in 1949 for suspected Communist subversion.—France-Press.

### "Inquisition" Of Actress Charge

Los Angeles, Jan. 8.

Police said today they wanted signed statements from actress Marie McDonald and others whom she telephoned after saying she was kidnapped last week.

The names included that of Michael Wilding, the British actor who had been Miss McDonald's recent escort.

Miss McDonald's lawyer meanwhile protested that the actress was being subjected to an "inquisition" by police. The lawyer, Jerry Giesler, said they should stop it and get on with "a legitimate investigation."

Mr. Giesler said: "It seems strange to me that the police have not sent out squads of men to find the evidence in this case instead of subjecting Miss McDonald to an inquisition as though they didn't believe her."

The Los Angeles police chief, Mr. William Parker replied: "All we are trying to do is to ascertain the truth. This case is being treated as a bona fide kidnapping and we are investigating it vigorously."—Reuter.

### BABY BORN ON PLANE

Honolulu, Jan. 8.

Two stewardesses "played it by ear" early today as they delivered a baby aboard a Transocean airliner en route from San Francisco to Honolulu.

A doctor "assisted" in the delivery by radioing instructions to the airborne midwives. The commander of the plane, Walker Lawton, praised the stewardesses, Alice Martinez and Lorraine Mikosh, for their cool performance.

They did a terrific job," said Lawton, who appeared more unnerved by the experience than the girls.

The mother, Mrs. Lillian Palen of Honolulu, and her son were reported doing well in Kapialani maternity hospital here.

Lawton broke the news of the emergency with a frantic radio message: "We're having a baby—get a doctor, quick!" The airport control tower called the radioed instructions to Lawton, who relayed them to the stewardesses.

Miss Mikosh admitted she was "plenty shook" when Mrs. Palen announced that her fifth child would change the passenger list from 54 to 55.

Kapialani Hospital reported that the baby was born prematurely, weighing under five pounds.—United Press.

### European Injured

A private car knocked down and injured a European, Mr. C. M. Fure, in Hennessy Road, near Queen's Road East, at about 10 a.m. yesterday.

Mr. Fure, who resides at 57 Leighton Road, top floor, is now receiving treatment in Queen Mary Hospital.

### Water Main Bursts

A water main burst near the junction of the Garden Road and Queen's Road East at about 9 this morning, and PWD workers were quickly put on repairs.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"She's been busy in the kitchen since Herbie proposed—I hope she gets married before we get indigestion!"

## Accused Testifies In Wounding & Conspiracy Case

Chau Fuk-ling, alias Chau Fuk-sang, 36, tailor, who is jointly charged with three others with wounding and conspiracy, gave a statement from the dock in his own defence before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The four accused are Yiu Yun, 51, earth cooler; Chau Fuk-ling; Chan Man, 38, earth cooler; and Cheung Lam-tai, 32, earth cooler.

Mr W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Divisional Detective Inspector W. E. Thomas.

The accused are alleged to have wounded several folk of the Lung Wah Teahouse, near the Tai Hang Tung Rectification Area, with knives and choppers, on the morning of September 7 last year.

Chau Fuk-ling said in evidence that that morning he was asleep in his shop in Kowloon Teal when a friend visited him. Together they went to a medicine shop to buy some dried chrysanthemums. Then they returned to the Lung Wah Teahouse for tea.

Spilled tea. Accused said that at the teahouse he accidentally spilled some tea on the table. He and his friend moved to another table. Both ordered some pudding. He (accused) put his foot on a stool.

A fold pulled the stool away from under his feet, saying it was only for the kettle.

Second accused said he scolded the folk for being impolite. An argument arose and the folk accused him of being a mouse. The folk put a kettle of hot water on the table in such a way that some water, scalded his (accused's) foot.

Chau said he jumped up from the stool. The folk thought he intended to hit him by this action and grabbed him.

#### SHIRT TORN

Accused said his shirt became torn. He became angry and pushed the folk, who fell against a partition and broke a pane of glass. Other folk grabbed him also, and the first folk punched him several times.

Some customers intervened and stopped the fight. He went out of the teahouse, intending to walk away. The folk who started the trouble stopped him and asked him to pay compensation for the broken pane of glass.

Chau said a crowd gathered and some of the onlookers tried to walk away. He managed to make his way through the crowd. A short distance off, he said, he heard a commotion and cries of "Beat him, beat him."

Second accused said he was very frightened. He ran away and hid. He saw some people

with bamboo poles chasing others. He later heard some passersby mention that a fierce fight had taken place at the Lung Wah Teahouse.

Ip Ko, a witness called by the first accused, gave evidence that Yiu Yun had told him he felt ill when he awoke in his hut on the morning of September 7.

Witness said Yiu told him that he felt so bad that he could not move or eat.

Cross-examined, Ip agreed that he went out for about four hours that morning. When he returned he found Yiu as he had left him—lying in bed.

Hearing is proceeding.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. "Women Only." A Weekly Magazine introduced by Mary Sharkey. 6.00. Lucky Dip—Littler's Requests presented by Mary Sharkey. 6.30. Weather Report. 7.00. Time Signal. The News. 7.00. Community or Stop Press Item. 7.15. Time Signal. 7.30. "Here come the Boys." 7.45. Letter from America by Allister Cooke. 8.00. Song, Ronald Blane and his Orch. (H.K.T.). 8.30. Here come the Boys. 9.00. The Opening of the New Council Chamber for Legislative Council. A Report on this Anniversary Ceremony, which was performed by Sir Alexander Grantham. 9.15. Wednesday Theatre: "Encounter in the Balkan Express." A Comedy by Wolfgang Iltis. English Version by Harvey Urama. Produced by Timothy Birch. 10.00. Singers of Hungary. 10.30. Music of the Twentieth Century. Church Windows—Four Symphonies. 10.55. Weather Report. 11.00. Time Signal. Radio News Item. 11.15. Goodnight Music. 11.30. Close Down.

#### REDIFFUSION

2.30 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune. 3.00. Wednesday Theatre: "Encounter in the Balkan Express." (H.K.T.). 3.30. Spanish Dance No. 1. (de Falla). 3.45. "Thou art a Calista." (Albéniz). 4.00. "El Puro Moruno." and "Canción de la Falla." 4.15. "Symphonie Espagnole, Opus 31." (Lalo). 4.30. "Romances of the Night." 4.45. Tea for Two. 4.50. Strictly Instrumental. 5.00. Children's Corner—Presented by Annie Bay. 5.30. Wednesday Requests—Presented by Betty. 5.55. Birthday Mailbag. 6.30. Another 7-Up Show. 7.00. Time Signal and the News. 7.00. Weather Report and Announcements. 7.15. House of Music. 7.30. Eddie Fisher and his Orchestra. 7.45. Concert—Presented by Annie Bay. 8.00. Parade—May McKinley. 8.15. Interlude for Musical. 8.30. Diamond Music Show. 8.30. Time Signal and the News. 9.00. The Opening of the New Council Chamber for Legislative Council. A Report on this Anniversary Ceremony, which was performed by Sir Alexander Grantham. 9.15. Wednesday Theatre: "Encounter in the Balkan Express." (H.K.T.). 9.45. "Thou art a Calista." (Albéniz). 10.00. "El Puro Moruno." and "Canción de la Falla." 10.15. "Symphonie Espagnole, Opus 31." (Lalo). 10.30. "Romances of the Night." 10.45. Tea for Two. 10.50. Strictly Instrumental. 11.00. Children's Corner—Presented by Annie Bay. 11.30. Goodnight Music. 11.30. Close Down.

## Gold Bars Case: Claimant Cross-Examined

Lo Yuk-ting, 47, who claimed ownership of 47 gold bars, the subject of charges of fraudulent conversion and larceny against G. O. Jones, manager of the Lantau Development Co., was cross-examined this morning by Defence Counsel, Mr J. R. Oliver, when the case continued before Judge K. R. Macfee at the District Court.

Witness said under cross-examination that he remitted money from Canton to Macao and then transferred it to Hongkong before the "liberation" of the mainland by the Communists.

Mr Oliver asked witness: Was speculation in US dollars by you in Hongkong taken out of money remitted from Canton via Macao before "Liberation"?

Witness replied: "What is the intention of this question, I had the money to do my business. Never mind where I get the money from."

Mr Oliver: Have you not remitted any more money to Hongkong through the bank in Macao? Witness replied: "No, I had no cash. I had gold bars. From Macao, yes, through a bank."

When was the last time?—About seven or eight months ago.

Why did you not have the gold sent through the bank?—The bank did not remit gold.

Did you take steps to find out if the bank would remit gold to Hongkong for you?—I knew before nobody remitted gold bars to Hongkong.

#### HAD NO CASH

Is there any reason the vessel should be paid for in gold bars?—When Sin Tun came for money, I had then no cash. I had gold bars. Sin said it would be all right to purchase a boat with gold bars.

When did you purchase the gold bars?—Some time in November last year.

Why do you change cash into gold?—Because I seldom keep money. I keep gold.

So I now understand you make a regular practice of keeping gold?—Yes, I keep gold. What do you do with the gold?—I keep them.

Asked how much gold he had on the night of November 9, witness said he had given to Sin Tun, witness replied: "I had some, but I do not want to tell you how much."

#### "DID NOT KNOW"

Mr Oliver put it to witness that he was a man of standing. He knew how to remit money to Hongkong through the bank. Why did he not come to Hongkong to buy the boat?

Witness said he did not know about the purchase of boats in Hongkong.

Mr Oliver suggested to witness that he was aware that if gold was taken into Hongkong he had to pay tax. Witness said he did not know that.

Mr Oliver suggested that the story of an intention to purchase a boat in Hongkong was untrue. "It is true," said witness.

Mr Oliver further suggested that witness and his friend Sin Tun had every intention of defrauding the Customs of the gold in Hongkong.

Witness: No.

Mr Oliver further suggested that it was for this reason that witness did not take the gold to Hongkong himself. Witness replied that that was not so.

Asked if he had requested Sin Tun to conceal the gold when it was handed to him in Macao, witness said he had not.

Asked why he had not made use of money he had with his brother who was in Hongkong to buy the boat, witness said that that money did not amount to much.

#### Hearing continues.

## REQUIEM MASS

A Requiem Mass was held this morning in St. Joseph's Church for the repose of the soul of Dr. Joseph Kusunoki, late of the Swiss Consular Service, who died on Christmas Eve in Penang as a result of a heart attack.

Father L. Ledanyi officiated. Many people attended the Mass including members of the Consular Corps in Hongkong.

## CORRECTION

The Lantau Development Company Limited

It is regretted that a serious error occurred in the reporting of the opening speech of Mr D. E. Greenfield in the prosecution of G. O. Jones on a charge of fraudulent conversion.

The report was published in this newspaper on January 7, 1957. Mr Greenfield in his opening speech did not state "defendant operated the Lantau Development Co., Ltd., whose principal premises were on Lantau Island. Defendant's principal activities in connection with this company was in running a vessel—a motor junk about 40 feet long between Hongkong and Macao."

Mr Greenfield informed the Court that "the Defendant operated the principal business of the Lantau Development Co., Ltd. at the northern end of Lantau Island. The Defendant's principal activities in connection with this company were forestry. The Defendant also operated on his own verbal charter a motor junk about 40 feet long running between Hongkong and Macao."

We are satisfied that the Lantau Development Co., Ltd. had no interest whatsoever in the vessel concerned nor did it operate it. In making this correction, we tender our apologies to Lantau Development Co., Ltd. and regret any inconvenience or distress caused by our reporting error.

## Bound Over

The Police said in Kowloon Magistrate's this morning they believed Wan Chung-keo, 30, to be a member of a Triad society and concerned in a threat to assault a Chinese male.

Mr T. L. Yang, the Magistrate, was asked by Sub-Inspector Alcock for an order to bind the defendant over to keep the peace.

The application was granted and defendant was bound over in the sum of \$500 for two years and placed under the police supervision for a further two years.

The police, acting on information, arrested defendant at 3 p.m. on January 7 at Baker Street near Cooke Street.

## Suspects Detained

Cash was stolen from a Chinese woman in Poplar Street at about 9 a.m. yesterday. A suspect has been detained by the Police.

At about the same time, a woman walking in Fuk Wah Street, had cash stolen from her pocket. The Police are holding a suspect in connection with this offence.

## Man Assaulted

A Chinese received head injuries at about 7 p.m. yesterday when he was attacked by another man, armed with a chopper, at No. 305 Des Voeux Road, West, third floor.

The assault took place after a quarrel. The injured man is receiving treatment at Queen Mary Hospital while the alleged assailant is being held by the Police.

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